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## EPA: Loss of key CUC managers 'alarming'



» Agency demands  
report on how  
vacancies will be filled

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The Environmental Protection Agency requires within 30 days a report from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. on how it will fill its soon vacant executive director position, among other critical senior positions left vacant for years.

This comes nearly a month after the CUC board asked executive director Alan Fletcher to resign.

It also comes more than a month af-

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### SISTER-ISLAND HELP

From left, Saipan Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider, Northern Island Mayor Jerome Aldan, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Antonia Tudela, council vice chair Alice Igitol, and former representative William Torres pose for a photo at the Saipan Mayor's Office yesterday during a break in their planning session for relief efforts for the Typhoon Dolphin-stricken residents of Rota.

JAYSON CAMACHO

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## ATF offers \$5K cash reward for info in guard's murder

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The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is offering a \$5,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect or suspects in the fatal shooting of security guard James Patrick Deleon Guerrero inside a poker

arcade in Afetnas.

ATF special agent/public information officer Brian Bennett in a press release said anyone with information about the murder of Deleon Guerrero should contact ATF at 1-800-ATF-GUNS (800-283-4867).

Bennett said anyone with information may also call the Department of

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## COTA chief passes away due to cancer

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Camacho

Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority special assistant for public transportation Thomas Camacho succumbed to cancer last Saturday. He was just 55 years old.

It was not immediately clear what type of cancer Camacho suffered from,

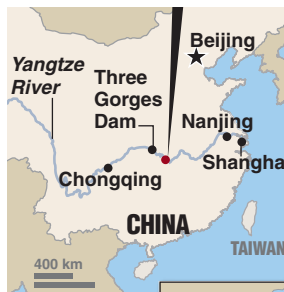
but the disease apparently metastasized to affect multiple organs. There were also no other details given as to which hospital treated Camacho before his passing.

A funeral service is scheduled for Camacho this Saturday in which Gov. Eloy S. Inos will pay tribute to the late

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## Local

## Health, airport officials monitoring MERS outbreak in S. Korea

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CNMI health officials and airport authorities are implementing precautionary measures in the wake of a MERS outbreak in South Korea, which is the CNMI's biggest source market for tourist arrivals.

MERS is a lethal respiratory disease. It is a viral respiratory illness that is caused by a coronavirus from the same family as

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome or SARS that killed over 700 people in 2003.

Public Health and Hospital Preparedness Program director Warren Villagomez said the program is updated with the MERS issue along with the Infectious Disease Task Force.

"We are developing risk communication messaging and we're going to be communicating with the Marianas Visitors Authority, Common-

wealth Ports Authorities, and U.S Customs and Border Protection about this situation," Villagomez said.

"We have communicated with the Centers for Disease and Control Prevention's field epidemiology office in Guam regarding MERS and right now CDC is not recommending any type of active screening anywhere because South Korea is doing a good job in regards to handling and care of

MERS and the individuals and cases," he added.

Villagomez said he is in constant contact with Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s public health medical director Dr. Daniel Lamar and CHCC's new CNMI epidemiology Dr. Ginny Montero.

"We're going to be posting risk communication messaging at the airport and into the community as well because the amount of Korean visitors that we get, we need to make sure that our visitor is safe and our community is safe," he said.

The planning is an ongoing procedure as well as the public health screening area.

"We are moving forward with the screening, isolation, and quarantine for CHCC public health personnel to be ac-

tively present at the airport," Villagomez said.

CDC recently equipped the airport with five television sets, called travel alert monitors, which are for public health awareness and for evolving diseases that could be a potential threat to the CNMI.

"We are on top of CDC and the World Health Organizations guidelines so we are on top of both guidance and will be available to us to work with. We are also in contact with Guam Public Health to communicate," Villagomez said.

Montero updated Villagomez in regards to the number of passengers. If the passengers are more than 200 then they will be put into "alert" and contact CPA.

Montero drafted the forms

with regards to MERS.

"The forms would go to US-CBP and we would collect the forms at the end of each week. The thing is we mentioned on the form that if there is MERS, contact CHCC immediately," she said.

MERS spreads from ill people to others through close contact, such as caring for or living with an infected person.

Symptoms of MERS are fever, cough, and short of breath. Some have also experienced gastrointestinal symptoms including diarrhea and nausea/vomiting. For many people, according to CDC, more severe complications followed such as pneumonia and kidney failure.

About 3 to 4 out of every 10 people reported with MERS have died.

## CNMI urged to tap FAS citizens to address manpower issues

The CNMI should continue to look into ways of addressing a looming manpower crisis and one possible way is to hire citizens from the Freely Associated States.

FAS citizens include those from the Republic of Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia's Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and Kosrae.

Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina, on a recent visit to the Commonwealth, said the CNMI should strengthen its workforce development capacity.

"Please do what you can to strengthen your workforce development capacity because

it is going to be the underpinning for your efforts to try to seek increased immigration beyond 2019," Kia'aina, in an interview said.

She added that "FAS citizens can go here (CNMI) legally. There are no hindrances and there should be some efforts to hire them from their own countries, and even neighboring Guam for those needing job opportunities."

"When you go to Congress and ask for an extension, you should make sure you have done everything possible to strengthen your manpower capacity," Kia'aina said.

The OIA official further said the "government cannot do it alone" and agencies such as the Public School System and the

private sector should pitch in.

According to Kia'aina, her job would be "to help the Northern Mariana strengthen its hand" on these concerns.

She cited efforts of the OIA on manpower development, including a \$300,000 grant for the PSS which will be used as stipends for junior and senior students.

The official further said it is not for her to make a determination if the CNMI will be able to fill up all of the needed manpower once the CW program for foreign workers ends in 2019, but she will continue to seek more dialogues with CNMI Labor officials on workforce development in the Commonwealth. *(Joel D. Pinaroc)*

## Local municipalities kick off Rota relief effort

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REPORTER

Leaders of the municipalities of Saipan and the Northern Islands announced their plans on their relief efforts to help residents of Rota during a briefing yesterday afternoon at the Saipan Mayor's Office.

Local leaders included Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, North-

ern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan, Saipan Northern Islands chair Antonia M. Tudela, and vice chair Alice Igitol, along with former representative William Torres and Saipan Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider.

During the briefing, Apatang said that he respective municipalities of Saipan, Northern Islands, and Tinian have joined together to raise funds for their

sister-island of Rota, which is still reeling from the effects of Typhoon Dolphin last month.

"What we are going to be doing is to write solicitation letters out to the businesses for support to Rota and we're going to be asking for donations such as non-perishable items throughout the month of June and then get it out to Rota," Apatang said.

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW-15-IFB-002

#### Supply, Fabrication and Delivery of Brown Tree Snake Traps

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Supply, Fabrication and Delivery of Brown Tree Snake Traps**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 04, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **June 11, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **June 18, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-15-IFB-002". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **June 25, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **June 25, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@ptcom.com](mailto:procurement@ptcom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 25, 2015** and must be received no later than **July 01, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **July 01, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **June 25, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

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All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA  
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director of Procurement & Supply

/s/ RICHARD B. SEMAN  
Secretary of Department of Land & Natural Resources



# Chamber names 2015 scholars



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce scholars for 2015 were named at the Chamber's general membership meeting at the Fiesta Resort & Spa yesterday. Each selected applicant was given a one-time monetary award of \$2,000.

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce awarded its 2015 scholarship to six deserving applicants at their monthly meeting held at Fiesta Resort & Spa yesterday.

Each scholar received a one-time monetary award of \$2,000. Four were chosen from high school, one for college, and one for vocational studies.

For the vocational studies, Donovan Castro was awarded the scholarship and will be pursuing Culinary Arts at the Northern Marianas Trades Institute. Castro's passion in cooking made his goals to help the CNMI through teaching the people how to eat, cook, and live healthy.

"Receiving this scholarship is really award because I never really applied for a scholarship until now. And to be chosen for this is really overwhelming for me. It actually opens doors for me," Castro said.

For the college scholar, Riya Nathrani who is studying Education at the Northern Marianas College was chosen. Being a certified product of the Pub-

lic School System, she hopes to finish school by next year and work as a public school teacher in the Commonwealth. Her goal is to teach and mentor the marginalized youth.

"It's been pretty competitive, but if you persist and determined to really show your abilities and what you have accomplished then I think that you'll be able to receive the scholarship. It's been difficult but it's very rewarding," Nathrani said.

Of the four scholars from high school, two students were from Saipan International School, namely Minori Yoshida and Nicole Arenovski.

Yoshida, who graduated as valedictorian of her class, will be attending Barnard College of Columbia University in New York to become a pharmacist.

"I feel really accomplished I know that there are tons of amazing applicants and to be chosen as the winner amongst them all feels pretty rewarding. I feel more comfortable getting into college now because I won't have any financial burdens," Yoshida said.

Arenovski, on the other hand, has chosen the University of Nevada in Reno

among the seven who accepted her application. She will be studying business marketing with a minor in graphic design and hopes to be able to help advertise and market the CNMI.

"I put in a lot of work to get to where I am today and the fact that I got the scholarship, it's super rewarding because without it, college would've been really hard," Arenovski said.

The two other high school students were both top placers in the Attorney General's Cup this year and will be going to the University of Washington in Seattle.

Maria Fe Andrea Lazaro, class valedictorian of Mount Carmel High School, will be pursuing Biology and English. She hopes to continue to become a doctor.

"I'm very proud of my daughter because of this financial aid," her father Leandro

Lazaro said after accepting the award on her behalf.

Katrina Punzalan of Saipan Southern High School will be studying Political Science and wants to become an attorney. Despite the busy schedule of being a senior student with her

extracurricular activities, she was able to pursue the scholarship because she knew it was something that could really help her in college.

"I was able to juggle everything together and in the end it was more rewarding than it was challenging," Punzalan said.

Aside from the scholarship winners, three Chamber interns,

who worked while attending high school, were also granted \$500 each, namely Mary Fem Urena, Riczi John Cano, and Patricia Mae Echavez.

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## LOCAL

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Aldan echoed Apatang's words saying that they had decided to come together as a municipality to join and fulfill the sister islands needs.

"Anyone who wants to donate can donate and send it to my office [on Capitol Hill], Saipan Mayor's Office here in San Jose at the Ladera Center, and the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council office in Chalan Kanoa near the post office," Aldan said.

Tudela also urged and sought the community's help as the people of Rota continue to recover.

"Many people on Rota had suffered hardship because of the disaster left behind by the

typhoon. I believe that this is a great opportunity for all of us in the Marianas to come together, unite, and make every effort to help our sister island of Rota," Tudela said.

The Tinian Mayor's Office and the Tinian Municipal Council will hold their respective fundraising drives on Tinian.

However, Aldan said that since this is the first ever collaboration by all three municipalities, they are still in the planning stages.

Igitol said that aside from in-kind donations, monetary donations are also accepted. Checks can be made payable to the "Office of the Mayor of Rota."

Apatang and Aldan said that solicitation letters to the businesses will be distributed out next Tuesday.



On June 1, 2015, Mr. Cruz walked into Ming Yang Supermarket in San Vicente to buy some betelnut. As he was checking out at the cash register, he decided to purchase a few Lucky 7 Instant Scratchies Tickets, from which he won free games. He redeemed his free game winning tickets and purchased Tropical Treasure Instant Scratchies Tickets. Halfway through scratching off his newly purchased tickets, he came across a winning ticket for \$1000. He was so excited, he rushed back into the store to claim his prize. On the photo above is a representative of Ming Yang Supermarket, receiving the cash prize of behalf of the lucky winner. There are more prizes to win! NMASA would like to bid good luck to all the players.



# Store clerk returns missing purse of visiting Chinese salesman

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REPORTER

A store's trusted stock clerk yesterday returned to a visiting Chinese national his lost purse containing \$1,071 cash, \$6 worth of RMB, four credit cards, and an identification card.

"I'm very happy and very thankful," said the 26-year-old Xiao Song Yang after Allan Vila handed him his purse containing the money and other items at 99 Cents Supermarket in Garapan yesterday at 5pm.

Other store's employees, who were smiling, witnessed the turning over of the purse to Yang.

Yang, a car salesman, said he thought he could not find his purse anymore and that without the money, credit cards, and his identification card he could not return to China.

Yang said he will tell his friends in China about the good deeds of the Filipino.

Vila, a native of Pangasinan, Philippines, said he is happy to return the purse to the rightful owner.

Vila said as a trusted employee of 99 Cents, where he worked since 2001, he secured the purse when he found it at their store's water refilling station on Tuesday at 9pm. Yesterday at 12am, he was already off.

Yesterday morning, Vila informed his friend and neighbor, Boyet Pangilinan, about the purse and expressed his desire to return it to the owner.

The credit cards and identification card, however, were written in Chinese and there was no address of the owner in

the purse.

Vila and Pangilinan then agreed to inform *Saipan Tribune* about the purse and money before handing them over to the Saipan Mayor's Office.

Yang, however, returned yesterday morning to 99 Cents and inquired if anybody found

his purse. A worker then called Vila, who was at his house at the time.

Yang was so happy upon learning that Vila secured the purse.

Yang said he only discovered that his purse was missing yesterday morning. He said he is

very thankful to Vila's honesty.

Vila first came to Saipan in

1997 where he worked as a bartender.

## ATF

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Public Safety at 670-664-9001 or Crime Stoppers at 670-234-7272

"All calls will be kept confidential," Bennett said.

The ATF public information officer said that, on April 21, 2015 at 5:45am, an armed suspect shot at the Royal Poker Arcade's cashier in a failed robbery attempt.

Bennett said the suspect subsequently fatally shot security guard Deleon Guerrero before fleeing the scene.

The cashier was not hurt.

Autopsy showed that the victim died of a gunshot wound to the right side of his chest.

The suspect failed to get any money and fled on foot, police said.

Police found the victim's body in the bathroom.

Police said the surveillance camera's footage shows the

armed suspect, approximately 5'8" to 5'10" tall, medium build, walked in wearing a gray military pattern dress uniform, black mask covering his face.

Police have stated have very strong leads in the case.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* last night that he is unaware of any federal or state law enforcement agency that's offering a reward for the poker homicide incident.

Deleon Guerrero, however, stated that if indeed the ATF is making such an offer, this, they hope would be enough of an incentive for individuals with information to come forward.

The commissioner said DPS welcomes this development and that he urged members of the community to work with authorities and share what they know about this incident. "Lastly, I thank the ATF for having made this case a priority of their agency," Deleon Guerrero said.

## Chinese investor plans to build new hotel

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REPORTER

A Chinese investor is planning to build a new hotel in Saipan.

DaHeshi Entity general manager of Yibo Hu, who recently acquired the Gold Beach Hotel in Beach Road, Garapan, is setting his business sights on the island.

"I'm trying to establish my dream hotel. This is a brand-

new, modern, vacation resort," translator Xuankun Li said for Hu.

"This one will be a four-star hotel with 11 storeys and 300 to 400 rooms," he added.

According to him, they have already located a place for the business and in the process of obtaining the long-term lease within the month.

"The location is being looked at but given the business consid-

eration, I cannot tell you right now," he said.

Hu says he is planning to invest more than \$200 million in the CNMI within five years.

Asked why he chose to invest on Saipan despite the ongoing influx of business, Hu says he can be at the top of those companies.

"In China, there are a lot of competitors in many industries. But for me, I can be the top one

in those complicated environment in China. So I'm also confident to be the top one here in Saipan," Hu said.

In his speech at the meeting with his fellow Chinese investors at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan on Monday, Hu commented that there is a fair and just environment in the U.S. for their investments.

Aside from hotels, he is also planning to go into the real estate industry as this is his business in China.

## EPA

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ter Fletcher stated his concerns to EPA over "fiscal and operational constraints" that threaten CUC's operational stability and their ability to meet the requirements set by court stipulated orders.

He was referring to a "lack of political will" to implement an adequate rate base and an outstanding government debt of more than \$30 million, among others.

In their June 2 letter to Fletcher and board chair Adelina Roberto, EPA writes that as of the expiration date of July 14—the expiration date of Fletcher's contract—CUC will have vacancies in four of these eight senior management positions.

These positions are the executive director, deputy executive director, division manager for drinking water and wastewater, and the technical manager for oil.

EPA said these positions were meant to reverse longstanding compliance and public health issues "stemming in great part from the lack of qualified management operating the public utility."

"The loss of qualified senior manager in half of the key positions is alarming," Water Enforcement Section manager

Ken Greenberg writes.

"Moreover, we understand that CUC's board may be contemplating temporarily filling the executive director position with an individual who does not meet the required qualifications," he said.

While Greenberg did not name this individual, it was earlier reported that this was IT&E engineering manager Velma Palacios, a previous candidate for the job.

"In view of these concerning developments," Greenberg said, "EPA is requiring CUC and the board to submit within 30 days a detailed status report on its plan to solicit and fill—both on a temporary and permanent basis—these positions with managers meeting the specified qualifications."

### Executive director

"The executive director is the most critical position at CUC," Greenberg said.

CUC's top position is expected to be vacant before July 14, as Fletcher has stated his intention to take vacation days prior to this date.

Per stipulated orders, CUC is required to appoint an executive director within 150 days of vacancy.

The last time the position became vacant was in 2012, when

former director Abe Malae resigned.

EPA is now asking that CUC provide them with a copy of the job vacancy announcement, position description, and details on the location and times when the position was advertised, as well as a list of candidates that meet stipulated order required qualifications.

"These qualifications are requirements, not guidelines," Greenberg emphasized, adding that this is "to ensure the top manager at CUC has the background and experience necessary for the combined utility."

The stipulated order requires, among others, that an applicant have at least 10 years of senior management experience in a similar wastewater, drinking water, and/or power utility, with similar or greater capital and operating budgets, capital improvement projects, human resource needs, utility financing issues, operation and maintenance training, and implementation needs.

The EPA letter goes on to establish the requirements and application process for the other top manager positions.

On the vacant deputy director position, EPA said CUC submitted a list of applicants to EPA on Sept. 2, 2014 and Feb. 19, 2014.

"EPA found that three of the

four applicants met the qualifications required by Stipulated Order, but these positions remains vacant," Greenberg said.

The deputy director position has been vacant since July 15, 2013, when Fletcher was promoted to executive director.

The division manager for drinking water and wastewater position has been vacant since September 2014.

The technical manager for oil has been vacant since January 2015.

All these positions were or are required to be filled within 150 days.

"Please provide a detailed explanation and rationale as to why CUC has been unable to fill these critical positions," Greenberg writes in the letter.

EPA sets a \$1,000 per day per violation for the first 30 days CUC violates "Stipulated Order No. 1" requirements for management structure.

EPA sets a \$2,000 per day per violation for the following 30 days.

EPA sets \$5,000 per day per violation for each day thereafter.

As of September 2014, CUC owes about \$33 million in fines for violating "Stipulated Order No. 1." Most of these fines are for unfilled management positions, among others, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

## COTA

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"No words can express our sense of loss of a dear friend and colleague. Tom was a quiet and unassuming friend who dedicated a major part of his public service to creating programs to assist our community members with disabilities and their families," Inos, in a statement, said.

According to Inos, "the result of his (Camacho) dedication to low-income families and individuals with disabilities will live on through the Developmental Disabilities, COTA, and other related programs."

"His service in my administration, even while battling his illness, is a testament of true statesmanship. He left a legacy that will live on," Inos said.

The governor also offered his condolences to Camacho's family, including Anita Camacho, their children, and all members of the Camacho family.

### Legacy

Thomas Jesus Camacho was born on Jan. 1, 1960.

According to his official resume, he held various government positions. He worked for the Office of Disability Policy and Programs under the Office of the Governor from 1993 to 1994, and 1996 to 1997.

After a brief corporate stint, he again worked under the Office of the Governor from January 2006 to the present.

He also worked for the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

But his legacy will continue to be the COTA programs which he envisioned for the CNMI, according to Vince C. Merfalen, mobility management and tran-

sit coordinator, said

Merfalen said COTA was established in May 2011 and from the start, it was Camacho leading the way for the agency's programs.

"Even his position (as special assistant for public transportation) was created by Public Law 17-43, the law that created COTA," Merfalen said, adding that many consider Camacho as the vision behind the COTA and its "founder."

Merfalen said Camacho was not just the leader of COTA, but the agency is his "project, effort, and dream."

COTA, which is mandated to public transportation services to the CNMI, is currently heading a public transportation service called "Call-A-Ride" in which the public can make arrangements to be transported anywhere on Saipan for a flat fee. Special vehicles for the disabled are also available.

The service currently has two working vans. From a modest start, the service already posted impressive numbers with a total of 7,504 passengers in 2014, Merfalen said.

However, an even bigger public transport program is currently being developed, Merfalen said.

The project involves using 10 buses, each with a capacity of 20 to 30, to ply seven routes all across Saipan. The 30-foot buses will be servicing close to 200 bus stops, Merfalen said. He said the project is expected to start in two year's time, if funding will be made available.

Merfalen said the two projects are just some of the visions that Camacho had for the CNMI. Unfortunately, Camacho will not be there to see his vision come true.





## 'Effects' of militarization on entry of Chinese tourists downplayed

Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) said he does not believe that the proposed military exercises on Tinian and Pagan will have an effect on the influx of Chinese tourists in the CNMI.

"Are we trying to scare ourselves here?" Palacios, who has been very vocal on his opposition to the proposed military exercises, said.

He said the biggest number of tourists from mainland China go to San Francisco and New York in the U.S. "Are we going to sacrifice our islands, if we do not do this or do that, then what? I am not trying to challenge anybody here," Palacios said.

He stressed that the proposed military exercises will involve generations. "This is not just for the present, but will affect multiple generations," he said. "So what are we gonna roll over and play dead again?"

Palacios said that the CNMI

has "a voice" even if it is such a small community.

"If the U.S. government is going to kill our economy because we did not give them two of our islands to destroy, then what are we doing with this kind of a national government?" Palacios said. "We need to start asking questions."

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said that "with all due respect," he also disagreed with the observation that saying "no" to the proposed military exercises will affect the CNMI tourism industry.

"I think he's got it the other way around. Case in point is what is happening right now. There's no military presence in the CNMI, but there is a visa waiver (program) for the Chinese. There is military presence in Guam but no visa waiver," Demapan said.

The lawmaker added that,

"our worry then for the Commonwealth should be, after we allow the proposed military buildup is when our visa waiver program could be in jeopardy."

Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) earlier said the CNMI

should be "open-minded" to the U.S. military's plans, considering that the federal government has considerable control particularly on tourism.

The member of the House minority bloc said the federal

government has always monitored tourism in the CNMI and that it can "easily control the number of tourists coming in, particularly Chinese tourists."

He added that leaning too much toward the Chinese market

could send the wrong signals to the Department of Defense.

Currently, Chinese tourists enter the CNMI via a parole arrangement, allowing them to travel to the CNMI without a U.S. visa. Japanese and Korean tourists do not have the same restrictions. *(Joel D. Pinaroc)*

## Communication, media response trainer speaks at Rotary meeting

A lecturer on crisis communication and media response training spoke at the Rotary Club of Saipan's weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday.

Richard Brundage, president of Center for Advanced Media Studies, taught Rotary members the secret in communicating.

According to Brundage, it all boils down to speaking from the heart.

Asked about how to effectively communicate and respond to members of the community af-

ter suffering from typhoon damages as is the usual disaster experienced on island, Brundage said one has to be able to establish empathy right away.

"You must establish empathy within the first 10 seconds of any response or don't even bother going any further," Brundage said, emphasizing its importance.

"The only way to do that is

from the heart," he added.

Brundage, who has been living on the island since 2005, is recognized as a premiere crisis communications and media response trainer and has been doing it for 30 years. He also trains new U.S. ambassadors.

Prior to that, he worked in the radio and television industry and is an award-winning TV director and news anchor.



Brundage

He is the author of the book "The Heart in Communicat-ing" which he mostly wrote here in Saipan and was published in 2005.

It tells Brundage's journey from journalism to being a lecturer and communications expert.

"What started as a way of helping people relax in front of my network cameras turned into a ministry of reconnecting people with their hearts when they talk and nothing's more important than that," he said. *(Frauline S. Villanueva)*

## Man, 42, arrested for allegedly sexually abusing 2 girls, 2 boys

Police arrested in Garapan on Tuesday a 42-year-old man who allegedly sexually abused two minor girls and inappropriately touched the private parts of two minor boys.

Ken Litulumar Aldan was arrested for sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor, disturbing the peace, and assault and battery.

At yesterday's hearing, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman imposed a \$50,000 cash bail on Aldan.

Preliminary hearing will be on June 9 at 1:30pm.

Wiseman found Aldan not eligible for court-appointed counsel.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that last March 10 a police officer responded to an apartment in Chinatown where a woman re-

ported a child abuse incident.

The woman told police that Aldan inappropriately touched the private parts of two minor boys while they were playing wrestling.

Last March 2, the woman learned that the defendant also allegedly repeatedly sexually abused the boys' sister starting when she was 12 years old.

The woman also discovered that Aldan also sexually abused the children's other minor sister and that the last incident happened only last February.

In 2010, a doctor found a small tear in the minor sister's private parts.

The doctor recommended to the child's mother to check their house because there should not be any tear in the child's private parts, police said. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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- Experience:
  - Senior management experience of at least ten (10) years in a similar wastewater, drinking water, and/or power utility (preferably combined utility), with similar or greater capital and operating budgets, capital improvement projects, human resource needs, utility financing issues, operation and maintenance training and implementation needs.
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Muna also charged for robbing vehicles at Hilltop Apartments

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Roland Hernandez Muna, a notorious burglar who was arrested for allegedly burglarizing four vehicles at Stanford Resort Hotel in San Vicente last May 27, was also charged for burglarizing four cars at Hilltop Apartments located near the hotel on that same day.

As this developed, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio at yesterday's preliminary hearing found probable cause to charge the 26-year-old Muna with all 20 criminal charges in connection with the burglary of vehicles at Stanford Resort Hotel and Hilltop Apartments.

Kim-Tenorio ordered Muna to answer the charges: eight counts of burglary, eight counts of criminal mischief, two counts of theft, one count of illegal possession of controlled substance, and one count of eluding a police officer.

Muna's arraignment will be on June 8.

Kim-Tenorio noted that the testimony of police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan, who was without any notes on her, was very detailed.

The judge said Pangelinan provided the names of eight alleged victims, the license plates of all eight cars, and numerous stolen items, including their brands.

The alleged victims are Koreans and Chinese.

In her testimony, Pangelinan even remembered the exact time when the caller contacted the police and when Muna was placed under arrest.

Pangelinan said the total worth of stolen items in the Stanford incident was \$7,223, while in the Hilltop case was over \$500.

Pangelinan said based on her quotation, the value of the damage on the rear vent windows, or the triangular windows, of each eight vehicles was \$260.

Asked by assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas as to why Muna broke the triangular windows to open the cars, the detective said according to a police officer, who is also a mechanic, it is the area of the car when it's damaged the alarm would not trigger.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato, counsel for Muna, opposed Barcinas' oral motion to add two more charges: burglary and theft.

Sato said the prosecution moved to amend the information as a result of his cross-examination on detective

Pangelinan. Kim-Tenorio granted the motion to amend the information and noted Sato's objection.

Pangelinan said police found in Muna's possession methamphetamine or "ice" when caught after a car chase with police officers.

Pangelinan stated that a man called the Department of Public Safety's emergency line last

May 27 at 1:41am about a burglary and theft in progress on vehicles in the parking lot of Stanford Hotel.

Police officers' responded and led to the chase and subsequent arrest of Muna.

Inside the silver Toyota Corolla with license plate AEK-641 that Muna driven, police found several handbags and purses, two set of golf clubs, two large boxes, kids' books, a glass tube, several business cards, and other items. The car is registered to Blue Sky International.

The owners of damaged vehicles went to the police station and positively identified their items that were recovered inside Muna's car.

Police also recovered a metal tool that was believed used in breaking the triangular windows.

» Judge finds probable cause to charge ex-convict with 20 offenses

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# 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas closes strong

The 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden closed out its final night on Saturday, May 30, with the largest crowd yet gathered to join a full night of entertainment and the highly anticipated Chefs Competition.

"In all, the Taste of the Marianas was another great success this year," said Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects manager Martin Dueñas. "We thank all our partners, especially the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and the National Park Service, for joining our staff in putting together another great festival this year. There's a lot of work happening behind the scenes, so the enthusiasm of the community for the Taste is very rewarding for us."

Top winners in the competition pitting hotel junior chefs against each other were Nestor De Vera and Eduardo Gabito of Fiesta Resort in first place, Rommel Villaviza and Arnold

Capuliof Mariana Resort & Spa in second place, and Chelsea Cummings and Hannah Strong of Hyatt Regency Saipan in third. In a nod to the Marianas' rich Spanish history, this year's theme of the Chefs Competition was "Marianas Albondigas," featuring Certified Angus Beef Chuck Ground. Chefs also created their own fresh sides that will include local starches such as breadfruit, sweet potatoes, yam, or plantains. Entries were judged on appearance of the beef, tenderness/texture, and presentation of theme. The winners received cash prizes from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and Certified Angus Beef products.

The Taste of the Marianas brings some of the best of island cuisine and entertainment to American Memorial Park every Saturday evening beginning at 6pm in May as part of the month-long celebration of Tourism Month in the Northern Mariana Islands. (MVA)



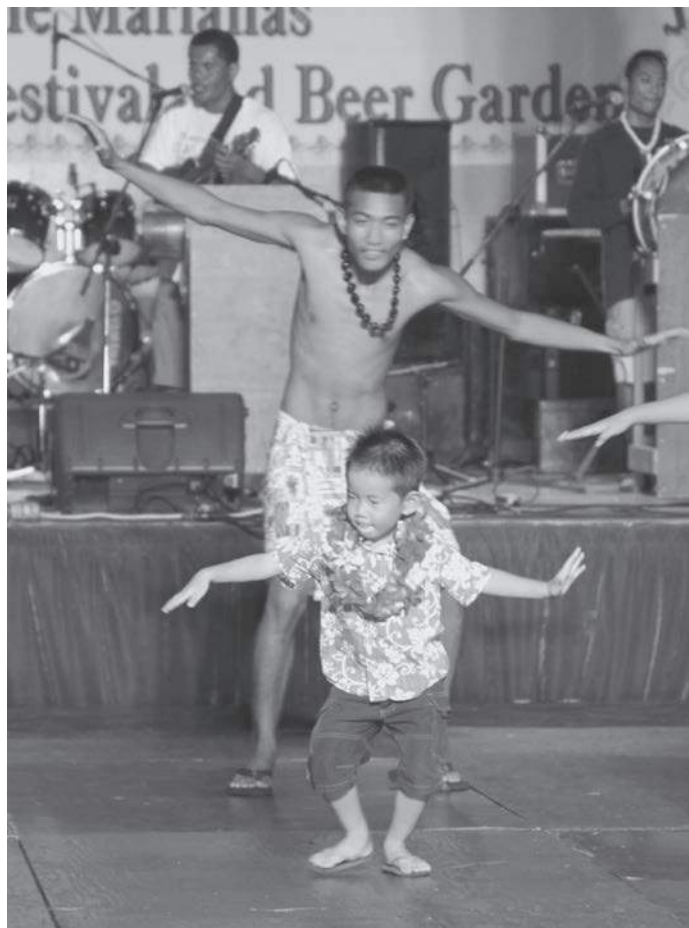
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Hopwood Jr. High School's Simiyan Nina'la performs at the 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 30, 2015.



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JJ Concepcion and Tru Marianas performed at the 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 30, 2015.



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Entertainers young and old of the Polynesia dance group Alana la perform at the 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 30, 2015.



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Junior chefs of local hotels presented their best "Marianas Albondigas" at the Chefs Competition at the 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 30, 2015, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Fiesta Resort & Spa claimed 1st place, followed by Marianas Resort & Spa in 2nd, and Hyatt Regency Saipan in 3rd.



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Roast pig of D'Elegance Café and food and beverages from 17 other vendors were featured at the 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 30, 2015, on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The event is held every Saturday during May Tourism Month.



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The entry of Marianas Resort & Spa claimed 2nd place in the Chefs Competition on May 30, 2015, at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden. The annual signature event is jointly organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands.

## Company pays 58 workers more than \$99K in back wages

**HONOLULU**—A California-based heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning subcontractor has paid 58 workers \$99,681 in back wages after an investigation found federal wage and hour laws were violated on three federally funded construction projects awarded by the U.S. Army in Hawaii between 2011 and 2013.

U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division investigators discovered Critchfield Pacific Inc., of San Jose, violated laws governing federal contractors. The subcontractor improperly categorized employees as lower-paid maintenance workers rather than using job titles for those doing plumbing and pipe-fitting work at the Schofield Barracks and Kunia job sites on Oahu. Critchfield exceeded the ratio of lower-paid apprentices to experienced plumbers and sheet-metal workers. The company also failed to pay employees for time spent at mandatory safety meetings in advance of their scheduled work shifts at Schofield Barracks.

"Federal contractors owe it to taxpayers to comply with all applicable laws, including paying their workers fairly and fully, in accordance with the government contract," said Terence Trotter, district director for the Wage and Hour Division in Honolulu. "In this case, we appreciate the cooperation by Critchfield Pacific and their endorsement of an action plan that promotes future compliance with relevant labor standards."

The Davis-Bacon Act requires that all contractors and subcontractors performing work on certain federally funded construction projects pay their laborers and mechanics at least the prevailing wage rates associated with their occupation, as determined by the secretary of labor.

The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act applies to contractors and subcontractors with federal service contracts and federally funded and assisted construction contracts exceeding \$100,000. It requires contractors and subcontractors on covered contracts to pay laborers and mechanics employed in the performance of the contracts overtime at one and one-half times their basic rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

The Fair Labor Standards Act requires that covered, nonexempt employees be paid at least the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour for all hours worked, plus time and one-half their regular rates of pay, including commissions, bonuses and incentive pay, for hours worked beyond 40 per week. Employers are required to maintain accurate time and payroll records.

For more information, contact the Wage and Hour Division's Honolulu District Office at 808-541-1360 or call the division's toll-free helpline at 866-4US-WAGE (487-9243). Information also is available at <http://www.dol.gov/whd>. (USDOL)



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- Date: June 6, 2015, Saturday
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- Semi Final (June 7 at 1:00pm, West Course)
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### EDITORIAL

## More work is needed on chemical arms stockpiles

**F**rom the trenches of World War I to the skies over Vietnam, chemical weapons have a long, ugly history in the 20th century. It's good that in the 21st, they may become a thing of the past.

Speaking last week in Slovenia, the United Nations' Ahmet Uzumcu, director-general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, announced that 90 percent of global stockpiles have been eliminated under existing treaty obligations. He added that the United States and Russia—the biggest keepers of these deadly substances—will destroy their Cold War-era supplies over the next decade.

With this news, a future of safer, more humane warfare seems possible, and much of the credit rests with OPCW, which won the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize for its work.

Obstacles remain, though, to a world free of chemical weapons. An OPCW report suggests that Syria's Assad regime might have used chlorine gas against rebels last year, and this despite the agency's inspection and removal efforts there. Six countries—Angola, Egypt, Israel, Myanmar, North Korea and South Sudan—have not ratified the treaty that forbids chemical weapons, and it is probable that some of them possess undisclosed stockpiles. According to the Nuclear Threat Initiative, which seeks to reduce the risk of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, North Korea could be the third-largest holder of these substances, as it is thought to have stashed away thousands of metric tons of cyanide, mustard gas and sarin.

Last week's announcement nevertheless confirms substantial progress toward the abolition of chemical weapons. No one knows if the lamb will ever lie down with the lion. But until then, the world should work toward eliminating the most horrifying forms of armed conflict.

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## California agriculture: It's worth the water

**P**undits here in drought-stricken California have become fond of proclaiming that farms consume 80 percent of the state's water and generate only about 2 percent of its gross domestic product. "Why devote so much of our water to an industry that contributes so little fuel to our economic engine?" they ask.

Both of those figures are deceptive. It's only possible to arrive at 80 percent by not accounting for the amount of water dedicated to environmental uses. (For example, the water in rivers that flows into the sea.) And the 2 percent figure grossly undersells the importance of food grown in California.

California's economy is incredibly diverse, much like its topography, its climate and its population. That's a significant benefit when you're the eighth-largest economy in the world. And agriculture is a key part of that diversity.

Of course, many aggregate sectors constitute a larger share of our economy than agriculture. Finance, insurance and real estate top the list at 21 percent. Professional services and government follow at 13 percent and 12 percent, respectively.

Beyond those sectors, we have a broad, flat grouping of several categories, each representing just a few percent of the state's GDP. That's a remarkably balanced profile that lends resilience and dynamism to our economy.

Let's look more closely at that data, though. Is agriculture really just 2.1 percent? As is so often the case with statistics, what's not in that number is more significant than what is.

Take the "utilities" category, for instance. It includes power generated for farms and for processing and marketing crops once they're harvested. The "real estate" piece includes sales and leasing of agricultural acreage and processing facilities. "Non-durable goods manufacturing" includes food and beverage processing. "Wholesale trade" and "retail trade" does not just mean the shopping mall; it includes the supermarket, the food court and the regional produce hub.

By **KAREN ROSS AND DANIEL SUMNER**  
Los Angeles Times

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Categories such as "transportation and warehousing" and "finance and insurance" are linked into every one of our 78,000 farms, each of which needs trucks, banks and insurance coverage to bring in the harvest.

The point is, if the drought continues, there won't be any water to divi up. We need to put greater effort into improving desalination and importing water through pipe or trucking.

"Accommodation and food services" not only runs on food but also is fond of promoting the fact that many of the most healthful and desirable foods and beverages grow on California farms and ranches. California, after all, helped start the farm-to-plate movement, and it's not an exaggeration to say that agriculture is tied to the state's identity from harvest (Cesar Chavez) to table (Alice Waters).

Granted, all economic sectors have ripple effects and multipliers. But unlike most other segments, California's agricultural productivity and diversity are not readily duplicated elsewhere. Our soils and climate are what have made it possible for us to supply so much of our nation's and the world's food.

Food is central to California in more than just the nutritional sense. It contributes to nearly every aspect of our economy and our lives, an important point to keep in mind as we weigh what our water is worth during this drought, and the next one.



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For Joe Biden, an unspeakable sadness

We need another language to describe the pain of losing a child, because the words we use—"It's unnatural," "No parent should live longer than her son," "What a tragedy"—don't convey the full weight or nature of that suffering.

When you look at the faces of those who have experienced the death of a son or daughter, you realize even years later that they are not completely whole. Living without part of your heart, walking on half a limb and navigating the light with a constant shadow, it is the deepest of all sorrows.

I've seen that up close, when my brother died. Overnight my mother became an old woman, with the life siphoned out of her, leaving just enough to function for the rest of us who remained behind.

That's why I shuddered when I heard that Beau Biden had succumbed to brain cancer over the weekend. I know what his family is experiencing, as do so many other Americans, but we were fortunate enough to weather our grief in private. Vice President Biden, his wife Jill, their remaining son and daughter, and Beau's wife and children have to share their loss with the nation.

But that has been the story in the Biden family for more than four decades. Joe Biden entered the public consciousness in a crucible of

suffering. Before he'd taken the oath of office as Delaware's junior senator in 1971, his first wife and baby daughter had been killed in a car accident, a tragic event that injured Beau and his younger brother.

There is a famous picture of Joe Biden being sworn in while, at the outer edges of the frame, a toddler Beau lies sprawled in his hospital bed. It is heartbreaking, especially now.

This vice president has reached lofty professional heights, and stands at the threshold of the highest public office. He's angered some, inspired others, charmed many and frustrated an equal amount. But this is all politics.

In his primary vocation, fatherhood, Joe Biden has been nothing less than sublime. He so loved his family that he'd take Amtrak home every night from D.C. to Wilmington, Del., so he could be there to tuck his motherless boys into bed. Imagine that commute, and the sadness that accompanied him on the rails. Those boys became his light and purpose, and he didn't once abdicate his obligation to them.

I have known some great fathers and some very bad ones. I would have to rate Joe Biden among the greatest and most honorable, to the extent that he put country and professional duty behind his devotion and debt to two sad little boys.

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We are always so quick to color our opinions of people based on their political positions and the way they view the visible, practical world. These things are important in elections and good governance, but they are irrelevant to the fundamental call and pull of family.

I do not share much of what Biden believes politically. But I stand in awe of this devoted father of an orphaned 3-year-old, and of his ability to place human concerns above the blinding glitter of professional accomplishment and glory.

My prayers are with him for strength. But he's shown, by his acts, that he doesn't need them. His character, like his love, was forged like steel, through more fire than anyone should have to suffer in a lifetime.

Probleman Sanhalom

Ta fafana` te`ug na problema pot` appenas moneda gi kahan iya Marianas. Estague` mina` makat ta apase obligasionta siha kontodu dibin CUC.

I umatisa este gai tinatte: Mahuchum fakterian magagu yan hinanau bisnis man-dañkulu siha na bisnis Japones. Ha bali huyung poku` mas o` menus \$5-7 biyon pesus ginen pisun ekonomiata.

Guaha man-halom nuebu na bisnis siha lau tinahoñg para u katsu i manesessita na moneda para usun iya Marianas. Gi mismu tiempu sihe ha` mas mumegai obligasion gobietnu.

Lastima i tafatta gi 1993 gi Congresson iya America na tita nessesita esta ayudun salape` para operasion gobietnu. Na`magof lau kulan dididi` taftaf ta hapbla sekosta.

Yangin tafaisen Washington ayudu u fan ayuda mohon? Guseña ileгна galaide` miyu espiha kau siña in` pegsai huyuñg ginen sagua` kara`. Fuetsau debi ta atan bisiun gastu na biahe.

Onse tatte i toru gi sagaña ya tatutuhon dinuebu i karera-ta. Makat i para u batsala sa` katgau i kareta lau este ha` `nai siña ta mueba hit mona.

Sensian Komunida

Sensian komunida gaige halige yan pisuñu gi lamasan senan familia. Fuera de dinaña` tinayuyot, estague` na patte gi ha`anita` `nai man-hita todú gi hilu sagradu na sentada. Mientras tantu, matutuhon konbetsasion asuntu siha kontodu haf` finapos kada unu guihe na ha`ane.

Este na fina` konbetsasion umestablese inatuñgu` yan tutuhon fitme na relasion entalu` i dos saina yan famaguon niha. Ti siña na para hahagu ha` namaisa. Hombre i Saina` `nai hana` huyuñg si Eba, hana` huyuñg lokue` si Atdan para gachuñg i prohimo.

Magahet na guaha siha trastes modetnu finañagu ni mafanana`an "teknalaye" (technology) ni umafuetsas kada unu konsu bisnesña. Tat ti tumalag papapa`. Ma` tut i konbetsasion kontodu entalu` famil-

ia. Dañkulu na destrosiu este mina` presisu na i dos saina umarepara yan umana` na`lu tatte konbetsasion lamasan sena gi familia.

Ginen konbetsasion lamasan sena` `nai mamutiplika mas konbetsasion yan homlu` na relasion yan membron familia yan komunida.

Fiet Na Gachoñg-hu

Teñga gi chagchag oga`an gi baranda, tumunog un` guali`eg kulot betde ginen i halige ya ha chiku` i tanu`. Dispues ha birague` tatte.

Gai señať gi katiña. Guaha kulan suenu na para u uchan pat ti mauleg na mensahe mamamaila`. `An kumate ya sige lumauya gi rehas baranda pues mauleg ha`anihu.

Hu tuñgu` na guaha rason na gaige ayu na guali`eg gi fihonhu. Kulan fiet na guatdiaghu ni numana`e`yu` mensahe mientras humahame.

Mattu gi makalamya. `An maliñgon ñaihon pues ume`eboka gi troñkun patma siha. `An kulan chatguahu, pues siempre hafana`yu` ya sige kumate. Debi bai` deskansan ñaihon. Lau fiet na gachoñg-hu, diariamente.

I apuyak ti sessu hu estotba gi lugatña. Gigon guaha mattiempu gi sanhaya hu rikonose kau gagaige ha` gi sagaña. Gigon ha rikohe tararasña ya maliñgu pues aregla sa` fotte ayu na pagyu i mamamaila`. Hu eyag este ginen un` amku` `nai un` biahe umadiñgan ham pot pagyu.

■■■

I katen paluma todú klase lokue` guaha. I tropa ni mattu haf` na feria, duru man-esalau mientras marikononose ramas, hagun yan flores gi troñku.

I man-amku` guaha `nai mahuñgog katen utag. Señať na guaha mapotge` gi familia` sino para u guaha dimalas.

I katen gayu` an chatagmag gi chagu` ai na nina` mahalañg. Lau guiya i suenu na ti apmam esta mage manana.

Mientras tantus, trabiha ti huhuhuñgog katen paluma ñgai`an` `nai para bai` mikopble. Ni unu malagu` umuriya gi gima` mame. Dios mihu!

■■■

Este i dandan mauleg para maseha haye na patgon. Ayudu piot gi

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.  
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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ma-adelantan abilidat kabesa. Lau un` biradan ginen Puntan Muchot, sige lahihu diñga` kumanta animu gi finu` Eñglis. Hu pula` haf` hasasañgan: "Muña lalalu`, asagua-yu`". Pot dandan na tihu kopbla lau siempre bai` birayu` ya baina` tulaika` sino mana` linipes i lahihu.

Planon Militar

Planon usun iya Tinian yan Pagan para eksisiun militar yumama attension tautau-ta siha guine gi alacha. I sentimentu kinentra yan fabot ginen todú atmos banda.

Trabiha i presentasion pot inestudian hafa siña man-inafekta yangin enfin maplanta ayu na planu deste tinanom, tasi, tanu` yan komunida.

Chagu` i para uma-implementa haf` planon niha. Ha nesessita ap-pruebasion dos patte ginen i Congresson iya America: Ha embrasa este planu yan moneda.

Siempre u fattu gi eskalera ginagau petmissu gi usun dos lugat para eksisiun militar. Tinaka` tiempu estake u fattu este na tiempu.

■■■

Estaba un` amigu hu gi kantit iya Magpi lumululai. I otu gaige botiña gi taduñg kasse ha fagcha`e saluñgai atulai` sino guihan taduñg. Ni unu hu estotba pot chagu` `nai man-gaige. Lau ti u mahñau bai` tagam gi puettu gi lemlem tautau pot patteghu guihan.

We're going to owe a lot to Caitlyn Jenner

Caitlyn Jenner—who purposely did not spell her new name with a K—is going to absorb an unimaginable amount of attention for the rest of her life. Whatever is not emotionally draining is going to be bruising. I do not envy her, but we owe her our gratitude.

This very public transition from male to female for the 1976 Olympic decathlon gold medalist, who is parent or father to a bunch of grown children including the Kardashian sisters, will set the bar pretty high for future Internet spectacles.

But the exposure—there is going to be a television series on the transformation this summer—will allow us as an evolving society to understand the interior life of a person who believes he or she was born into the wrong body. And it will help us get used to the visuals.

Jenner, 65, came out this week on the cover of *Vanity Fair* magazine in a photo shoot done by celebrity photographer Annie Leibovitz who, to be frank, can make anybody look fabulous.

And she does look fabulous. Her face has been heavily sculpted by surgery, she has large breast implants, terrific hair and make-up and fabulous clothes.

Though, as Bruce Jenner, she gave an intimate interview to Diane Sawyer in March, the *Vanity Fair* cover is her official coming out. She posted on Twitter under her new identity and

had 150,000 followers within minutes. There will be no end to the scrutiny.

As a society, we will begin with confusion and then we will move to revulsion. There is a whole generation of Americans who don't know what it means to be transgender, and when they find out, they won't be able to wrap their heads around it.

That's how we started with interracial marriage. With revulsion and rejection. That's how we started with homosexuality. But with gay marriage, we came to acceptance with real rapidity. I don't think even advocates of gay rights would have predicted the pace of progress we've seen in the last decade.

But this time, change is going to come at a steep price for Jenner. There was an outpouring of support on Twitter immediately, including from her children and step-children. But she was deeply wounded when the children from her first two marriages declined to appear in the E! docu-series. And son, Burt, said he hoped Caitlyn would be a better person than Bruce had been.

She was almost immediately criticized for capitalizing on her identity confusion and some speculated that the whole thing was a publicity stunt to pump up the "Keeping up with the Kardashians" brand.

"You don't go out and change your gender for a reality show," she told reporter Buzz Bissinger in the short article that accompanied

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the release of the photos. But, yes, this was business and she has a mortgage and she wouldn't mind making a buck. It never looks good when money is on the table.

Interesting choice of Bissinger to shadow Jenner and her family for months, by the way. The author of "Friday Night Lights" describes himself as "a cross-dresser with a big-time fetish for women's leather."

Fox was its charming self, continuing to refer to Jenner with the male pronoun during a segment. And host Neil Cavuto introduced guest Charles Payne as "Charlene" Payne and everybody laughed. There will be plenty more of that.

But Jenner said that now that the cover had been released, "I'm free."

It may take a little longer for the rest of the country. But thanks to Caitlyn Jenner, we are going to get there faster.



# The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

▲85° ▼76°

FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

▲86° ▼76°

SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

MONDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends eastward from 8N130E between Koror and Yap to 8N142E then curves northeastward to end northwest of Saipan at 18N144E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Koror are west of a line from 11n135e to 6n135e and over the Mariana Islands between 17N and 12N from 143E to 149E. A tropical disturbance is centered near Kosrae at 5N163E with surface troughs running westward to just southwest of Chuuk at 6N150E and east-northeastward to northeast of Majuro at 10N179E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Pohnpei and Kosrae states are between 11N and 4N from 155E to 169E. Several heavy showers are in the area between Kosrae and Kwajalein. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are also south of 2N from 159E to 163E and northeast of Majuro east of a line from 12N173E to 8N173E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Showers	▲60	▼51
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲76	▼59
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲93	▼79
Melbourne	Rain	▲53	▼43
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87	▼76
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲65	▼57
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼62
Paris	Sunny	▲80	▼61
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼63
Rome	Sunny	▲90	▼69
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲69	▼51
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲63	▼52
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼62
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼63
Washington, DC	Showers	▲69	▼64

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Saipan Harbor			
3:52 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
8:46 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
4:04 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.4 Feet
11:01 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:47 AM	6:45 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:45 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:45 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:46 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	8:10 PM	6:59 AM
Friday	9:05 PM	7:55 AM
Saturday	9:57 PM	8:53 AM
Sunday	10:48 PM	9:51 AM
Monday	11:36 PM	10:49 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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The Office of the Attorney General is pleased to announce the hire of Matthew C. Baisley as its newest Assistant Attorney General. Baisley joins the office as the White Collar Crime and Public Corruption Assistant Attorney General.

Attorney General Edward Manibusan states, "on behalf of the entire office, I welcome Matthew to the team." "His knowledge and expertise in the legal field will definitely be a benefit to the Commonwealth. I wish him the best in his career at the OAG," states the AG.

As a White Collar Crime and Public Corruption AAG, Bais-

# Baisley is OAG's newest assistant AG

ley will work in conjunction with the Office of the Public Auditor and the Department of Public Safety as a joint multi-agency task force member. On Tuesday, June 2, a Memorandum of Agreement between the OAG, OPA, and DPS was executed by Manibusan, Public Auditor Mike Pai, and DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero. Present at Tuesday's meeting were: Manibusan, Deputy Attorney General Lillian A. Tenorio, Pai, Deleon Guerrero,

and Baisley.

"I am very excited to begin work for a dedicated attorney general like Attorney General Manibusan, and I will strive to be a valuable member of the team at the OAG," said Baisley.

Deleon Guerrero added, "I welcome the new prosecutor on board. DPS looks forward to working closely with Mr. Baisley and with the Attorney General's Office and the Office of the Public Auditor in the investigation and prosecution of



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From left, Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, Assistant Attorney General Matthew Baisley, Public Auditor Mike Pai, Deputy Attorney General Lillian A. Tenorio, and Attorney General Edward Manibusan

## SIDEBAR

### OAG hires new assistant attorneys general

The Office of the Attorney General announces the addition of two new attorneys, John Cook and Michael Witry.

Cook is no stranger to the Commonwealth. In 2007, he came to the CNMI to serve as a law clerk for then-associate justice Alexandro C. Castro of the CNMI Supreme Court. Later, from December 2010 to July 2012, Cook served as the CNMI archivist at Northern Marianas College, where he also taught criminal justice as an adjunct instructor.

Before returning to the Commonwealth to join the Office of the Attorney General, Cook served as a law clerk for Judge Frank Whitney of the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina and Judge Landya McCafferty of the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire. While clerking for Judge Whitney, he also taught professional responsibility as an adjunct assistant professor at Charlotte Law School.

Attorney General Edward Manibusan declares, "We are happy to have John back at the

Office of the Attorney General. I couldn't be more proud of his decision to return and serve the people of the CNMI."

Cook received his bachelor's degree in political science from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut in 1999, his master's degree in criminology and criminal justice from Oxford University in Oxford, England in 2002, and his law degree from Duke University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina in 2004.

Regarding his appointment as an assistant attorney general, Cook said "It's wonderful to be back in the Commonwealth. I'm very excited and honored to be a member of the Attorney General's staff."

Witry, meanwhile, joins the OAG with seven years of experience as a staff attorney. His previous job was with the Commonwealth Law Revision Commission where he started in 2013. During his tenure with Law Revision, Witry served as deputy to the attorney for the CNMI Judiciary performing research and writing on legal issues. He completed the

first comprehensive update of the CNMI's administrative regulations since 2008, and developed the web site for the CNMI Administrative Code.

"Our office has gained an additional attorney with a remarkable background in the legal field," says AG Manibusan. "A warm welcome to Michael," adds the AG.

Before moving to the CNMI, Witry worked for Idaho Legal Aid Services, where he represented low-income victims of domestic violence in divorce, custody, and civil protection order cases. Witry's work in the civil division at OAG will include administrative law, contract and legislation review, and litigation.

"I'm grateful to Attorney General Manibusan for giving me the opportunity to join his office, and I'm ready to do my best for the Commonwealth," Witry said.

Witry earned his Bachelor of Arts in History in 2002 from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. In 2008, he received his Juris Doctor from the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. (OAG)



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From left, Assistant Attorney General John Cook, Deputy Attorney General Lillian A. Tenorio, Attorney General Edward Manibusan, and Assistant Attorney General Michael Witry

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white collar crimes and public corruption."

"I second the remarks of the attorney general and the Department of Public Safety commissioner in welcoming Mr. Baisley to Saipan and the legal team. We at the Office of the Public Auditor look forward to working with Mr. Baisley and ongoing cooperation and success with the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety," said Pai.

Prior to joining the OAG, Baisley worked as a litigation associate for Baker Hostetler, LLP, in Denver Colorado.

He represented large national corporations and obtained numerous favorable results for firm clients. Baisley's past work as an associate for law firms in the Denver, Colorado area as well as in Chicago, Illinois was dedicated to providing comprehensive legal representation to large corporations and clients

involved in multimillion dollar lawsuits. Baisley has also been committed to pro bono work, including successfully obtaining asylum for a juvenile asylum-seeker from Somalia, as well as providing legal representation to indigent criminal defendants.

Baisley received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Missouri at Kansas City, and his JD from Notre Dame Law School. (OAG)



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## Business

# More elderly Americans are being buried by housing debt

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Al and Sandra Karp have found an unconventional way to raise money and help save their Miami-area home from foreclosure: They're lining up gigs for their family jazz band.

They enjoy performing. But it isn't exactly how Al, an 86-year-old Korean War vet, or Sandra, 76, had expected to spend their retirement.

Of all the financial threats facing Americans of retirement age—outliving savings, falling for scams, paying for long-term care—housing isn't supposed to be one. But after a home-price collapse, the worst recession since the 1930s and some calamitous decisions to turn homes into cash machines, millions of them are straining to make house payments.

The consequences can be severe. Retirees who use retirement money to pay housing costs can face disaster if their health deteriorates or their savings run short. They're more likely to need help from the government, charities or their



In this May 11, 2015 photo, Al Karp, left, plays the saxophone as he rehearses with his son Larry, center, and wife Sandra, right, at their home in North Miami Beach, Fla.

children. Or they must keep working deep into retirement.

"It's a big problem coming off the housing bubble," says Cary Sternberg, who advises seniors on housing issues in The Villages, a Florida retirement community. "A growing number of seniors are struggling with what to do about their home and their mortgage and their retirement."

The baby boom generation was already facing a retirement crunch: Over the past two decades, employers have largely eliminated traditional pensions,

forcing workers to manage their retirement savings. Many boomers didn't save enough, invested badly or raided their retirement accounts.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Office for Older Americans says 30 percent of homeowners 65 and older (6.5 million people) were paying a mortgage in 2013, up from 22 percent in 2001. Federal Reserve numbers show the share of people 75 and older carrying home loans jumped from 8 percent in 2001 to 21 percent in 2011.

## Lawmakers seeking answers from Takata, US on faulty air bags

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Lawmakers expressed frustration Tuesday over the progress of a recall of millions of defective air bags, pointing out that it's still unclear what's causing the air bags to rupture, which vehicles need repairs and whether replacement air bags are truly safe.

"Every morning I feel like I am playing headline roulette, waiting for another rupture, another injury, another death," Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Texas, said at a subcommittee hearing to question federal regulators and officials from Takata Corp., the Japanese company that makes the air bags.

Faulty inflators inside the air bags can explode with too much force and spew shrapnel into the passenger compartment. The problem is responsible for

six deaths and over 100 injuries worldwide.

Takata agreed last month to expand recalls of driver and passenger air bags from around 16 million to 33.8 million under pressure from regulators. The recalls, which affect 11 automakers, began in 2008 but gained steam after a government investigation last year. Committee documents show automakers so far have completed between 15 percent and 35 percent of the air bag repairs, a rate that concerned committee members.

Another concern: After years of testing by Takata, regulators and outside parties, a root cause for the problem has yet to be identified.

Mark Rosekind, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, called the re-

call one of the largest and most complicated in U.S. history. He said the government may never actually know exactly what led to the ruptures. NHTSA is now overseeing the recall and coordinating repairs.

Takata Executive Vice President Kevin Kennedy said based on 50,000 tests to date, the company believes the ruptures are related to long-term exposure—over 7.5 to 12 years—to high heat and high humidity and problems with design and manufacturing.

Lawmakers also sought assurances that replacement air bags were safe. They zeroed in on the fact that Takata continues to make air bags with ammonium nitrate, a volatile propellant that Takata believes has contributed to the ruptures.

## Next up for Wal-Mart pay raises: department managers

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Wal-Mart is raising starting wages for more than 100,000 U.S. department managers and workers in its deli and other specialized departments.

The moves mark the next wave of pay raises by the nation's largest private employer, which has been under pressure from labor-backed groups for the treatment of its workers. In February, it announced it was increasing minimum wages for entry-level and long-term hourly employees to at least \$10 an hour by next February. That increase affected 500,000 of its 1.3 million U.S. workers.

The wage hikes are part of a \$1 billion program at Wal-Mart

that also includes improving training and offering employees more control of their schedules. The company is hoping that by investing in its workers, its customer service will improve, and ultimately that will encourage shoppers to spend more, helping to perk up sluggish sales at its U.S. division.

In February, Wal-Mart said it would be raising wages for its department managers but didn't offer many details.

Wal-Mart told The Associated Press late Monday that department managers of complex and service-oriented jobs in areas like produce, electronics and auto care, will start at \$13 per hour and top out at \$24.70

per hour, beginning next month. Starting next February, they will be paid at least \$15 per hour. Previously, the pay range was from \$10.30 to \$20.09. Meanwhile, those managers of less-complicated departments like clothing, and consumer products like paper towels and luggage, will earn from \$10.90 to \$20.71 per hour. Previously, they earned from \$9.90 to \$19.31.

Labor advocates claimed the raises as a victory but called for more.

"Today's wage announcement, like the last one, falls short of what Walmart workers need in order to raise their families," the UFCW International Union said in a statement.

## Nation

# FBI behind mysterious low-flying surveillance aircraft over US cities

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Scores of low-flying planes circling American cities are part of a civilian air force operated by the FBI and obscured behind fictitious companies, The Associated Press has learned.

The AP traced at least 50 aircraft back to the FBI, and identified more than 100 flights in 11 states over a 30-day period since late April, orbiting both major cities and rural areas. At least 115 planes, including 90 Cessna aircraft, were mentioned in a federal budget document from 2009.

For decades, the planes have provided support to FBI surveillance operations on the ground. But now the aircraft are equipped with high-tech cameras, and in rare circumstances, technology capable of tracking thousands of cellphones, raising questions about how these surveillance flights affect Americans' privacy.

"It's important that federal law enforcement personnel have the tools they need to find and catch criminals," said Charles Grassley, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "But whenever an operation may also monitor the activities of Americans who are not the intended target, we must make darn sure that safeguards are in place to protect the civil liberties of innocent Americans."

The FBI says the planes are not equipped or used for bulk collection activities or mass surveillance. The surveillance equipment is used for ongoing investigations, the FBI says, generally without a judge's approval.

The FBI confirmed for the first time the wide-scale use of the aircraft, which the AP traced to at least 13 fake companies, such as FVX Research, KQM Aviation, NBR Aviation and PXW Services.

"The FBI's aviation program is not secret," spokesman Christopher Allen said in a statement. "Specific aircraft and their capabilities are protected for operational security purposes."

The front companies are used to protect the safety of the pilots, the agency said. That setup also shields the identity of the aircraft so that suspects on the ground don't know they're being followed.

The FBI is not the only federal law enforcement agency to take such measures.

The Drug Enforcement Administration has its own

planes, also registered to fake companies, according to a 2011 Justice Department inspector general report. At the time, the DEA had 92 aircraft in its fleet. And since 2007, the U.S. Marshals Service has operated an aerial surveillance program with its own fleet equipped with technology that can capture data from thousands of cellphones, the Wall Street Journal reported last year.

In the FBI's case, one of its fake companies shares a post office box with the Justice Department, creating a link between the companies and the FBI through publicly available Federal Aviation Administration records.

Basic aspects of the FBI's program are withheld from the public in censored versions of official reports from the Justice Department's inspector general, and the FBI also has been careful not to reveal its surveillance flights in court documents. The agency will not say how many planes are currently in its fleet.

The planes are equipped with technology that can capture video of unrelated criminal activity on the ground that could be handed over to prosecutions. One of the planes, photographed in flight last week by the AP in northern Virginia, bristled with unusual antennas under its fuselage and a camera on its left side.

Some of the aircraft can also be equipped with technology that can identify thousands of people below through the cellphones they carry, even if they're not making a call or in public. Officials said that practice, which mimics cell towers and gets phones to reveal basic subscriber information, is used in only limited situations.

"These are not your grandparents' surveillance aircraft," said Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst with the American Civil Liberties Union. Stanley said the flights are significant "if the federal government is maintaining a fleet of aircraft whose purpose is to circle over American cities, especially with the technology we know can be attached to those aircraft."

The Justice Department recently published a privacy policy for its agencies' use of drones and unmanned aircraft systems. But that policy does not apply to piloted aircraft. An FBI spokesman

said the FBI's flights comply with agency rules.

Those rules, which are heavily redacted in publicly available documents, limit the types of equipment the agency can use, as well as the justifications and duration of the surveillance.

Evolving technology can record higher-quality video from long distances, even at night, and can capture certain identifying information from cellphones using a device known as a "cell-site simulator"—or Stingray, to use one of the product's brand names. These can trick pinpointed cellphones into revealing identification numbers of subscribers, including those not suspected of a crime.

The FBI has recently begun obtaining court orders to use this technology. Previously, the Obama administration had been directing local authorities through secret agreements not to reveal their own use of the devices, even encouraging prosecutors to drop cases rather than disclose the technology's use in open court.

Officials say cellphone surveillance from FBI aircraft was rarely used.

Details confirmed by the FBI about its air force track closely with published reports since at least 2003 that a government surveillance program might be behind suspicious-looking planes slowly circling neighborhoods.

One such plane was spotted during the recent disturbance in Baltimore that followed the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray, who sustained grievous injuries while in police custody. In that instance, the FBI was helping local police with aerial support, which it occasionally does when asked. Those types of requests are reviewed by senior FBI officials.

During the past few weeks, the AP tracked planes from the FBI's fleet on more than 100 flights over at least 11 states plus the District of Columbia, most with Cessna 182T Skylane aircraft. These included parts of Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Seattle and Southern California.

Some flights orbited large, enclosed buildings for extended periods where aerial photography would be less effective than electronic signals collection. Those included above Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota.



# Asia

## Over 400 still missing from capsized China cruise ship

**JIANLI, China (AP)**—Hopes dimmed Wednesday for rescuing more than 400 people still trapped aboard a capsized river cruise ship that overturned in stormy weather about 36 hours earlier, as hundreds of rescuers searched the Yangtze River site in what could become the deadliest Chinese maritime accident in decades.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV reported that 13 bodies had been pulled from the boat, which was floating with a sliver of its hull jutting from the grey river water. A total of fourteen people have been rescued, but the vast majority of the 456 people on board, many of them elderly tourists, were unaccounted for.

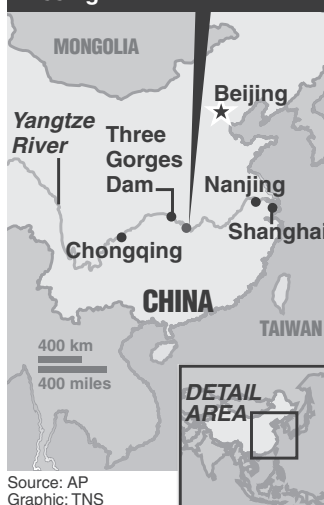
The Eastern Star was traveling upstream Monday night from the eastern city of Nanjing to the southwestern city of Chongqing when it overturned in China's Hubei Province in what state media reported as a cyclone with winds of up to 80 mph (130 kph).

State media reported that rescuers heard people yelling for help within the overturned hull, and divers rescued a 65-year-old woman and, later, two men who had been trapped. CCTV said more people had been found and were being rescued, but did not say whether they were still inside the overturned hull.

The yelling was heard Tuesday, and it is not known if any sounds were heard Wednesday. CCTV said rescuers would possibly support the ship with a giant crane while they cut into portions of the hull.

Access to the site of the ship was blocked by police and paramilitary troops stationed along the Yangtze river embankment. Scores of trucks belonging to the People's Armed Police were parked along the verge and at least two ambulances were seen leaving the area with their

**A cruise ship on the Yangtze River traveling from Nanjing to Chongqing capsized in bad weather. As many as 450 missing**



lights on and sirens blaring.

Huang Delong, a deck hand on a car ferry crossing the Yangtze several kilometers (miles) upstream of the site, said he was working Monday evening when the weather turned nasty.

"From about 9 p.m. it began raining extremely hard, then the cyclone hit and the wind was really terrifying," Huang said while crossing the broad river in a steady drizzle Tuesday afternoon.

Huang said he thought it was the worst disaster on that stretch of the river—the world's third-longest river—in living memory. The official Xinhua News Agency said the sinking could become the country's worst shipping accident in seven decades.

"We will do everything we can to rescue everyone trapped in there, no matter they're still alive or not, and we will treat them as our own families," Hubei military region commander Chen Shoumin said at a news conference shown live on CCTV.

The survivors included the ship's captain and chief engineer, both of whom were taken into police custody, CCTV

said. Relatives who gathered in Shanghai, where many of the tourists started their journey by bus, questioned whether the captain did enough to ensure the passengers' safety and demanded answers from local officials in unruly scenes that drew a heavy police response.

Xinhua quoted the captain and the chief engineer as saying the four-level Eastern Star sank quickly. The Communist Party-run People's Daily said the ship sank within two minutes.

Tour guide Zhang Hui said in an interview with the state-run Xinhua News Agency from his hospital bed that he grabbed a life jacket with seconds to spare as the ship listed in the storm, sending bottles rolling off tables and suddenly turned all the way over.

Zhang, 43, said he drifted in the Yangtze all night despite not being able to swim, reaching shore as dawn approached.

"The raindrops hitting my face felt like hailstones," he said. "Just hang in there a little longer, I told myself."

Some survivors swam ashore, but others were rescued after search teams climbed on the upside-down hull.

Thirteen navy divers were on the scene and 170 more were joining them, Chen said.

The 65-year-old woman was rescued by divers who took an extra breathing apparatus up into the bowels of the ship and spent about five minutes teaching her how to use it before bringing her out to safety, Chen said.

"That old woman had a very strong will and learned very fast, and after 20 minutes she surfaced to the water and was rescued," he said.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang traveled to the accident site about 180 kilometers (110 miles) west of the Hubei provincial capital of Wuhan.

occurred in a severely earthquake-damaged region, and the government and aid agencies have used helicopters to carry relief materials to mountainous regions where damage or the lack of existing roads has made delivery of aid all but impossible.

### Militant attack kills 9 Afghans working for Czech charity

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—Militants attacked a remote guesthouse and killed nine Afghans working for a Czech charity on Tuesday, as a new report by a U.S. university warned that almost 100,000 people have

been killed in Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion. Tuesday's attack took place in the Zari district of northern Balkh province at 2 a.m., when gunmen burst into the workers' rooms as they slept, said Abdul Basset Ayni, director of the province's rural development department. Nine people, including a woman, who were working on reconstruction projects were shot dead. They were employed by a Czech organization called People in Need, and included five project staff, two guards and two drivers, the charity's country director Ross Hollister told The Associated Press.

# World

## Ban appeals for resumption of Israeli-Palestinian talks

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**—Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon used the 65th anniversary of the U.N. agency that helps Palestinian refugees to appeal Tuesday for an immediate resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations and an end to unilateral actions "that erode trust."

Ban told a U.N. conference marking the anniversary of the U.N. Relief and World Agency that UNRWA was never meant to exist for 65 years, but "it exists because of political failure."

UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krahenbuhl said there are over 5 million registered Palestinian refugees in the region today, which "equates to the population of Norway or Singapore."

He said they "face an exist-

tential crisis on many fronts," blockaded in Gaza by Israel, living under fear of detention by the Israeli army in the West Bank, and trapped by "a merciless siege and violence" in the Yarmouk refugee camp outside the Syrian capital Damascus.

"Their isolation, exclusion and dispossession represent a time bomb for the region, a denial of dignity and rights that must be addressed," Kra-

henbuhl said. He said 65 percent of registered Palestinian refugees are under the age of 25, educated but unemployed, "determined to engage but with few prospects and limited freedom of movement to do so." He warned that this "will lead many to despair or increasing numbers to choose dangerous

routes across the Mediterranean or beyond."

Hanan Ashrawi, the special representative of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, said the refugee population now spans four generations and continues "to endure grave hardships and deprivation," upheavals and successive conflicts.

Yet, she said, "despite enduring the longest occupation in modern history and despite nearly seven decades of exile endured by millions of Palestine refugees, their national identity remains strong and their conviction in the justness of their cause remains unwavering as they seek to realize their long-denied inalienable rights."

Israel's deputy ambassador David Roet accused UNRWA of having a pro-Palestinian political agenda which goes beyond the scope of its humanitarian mandate.



Ban

## Boko Haram attack on northern Nigerian city kills 20

**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)**—Boko Haram once again attacked the northeast Nigerian city of Maiduguri on Tuesday, waking residents with deafening explosions in the early hours of the morning and then a suicide bombing that witnesses said killed as many as 20 people.

The extremist group which seeks to impose Islamic law across northern Nigeria has repeatedly attacked Maiduguri, the largest city in the northeast, since the newly elected president has designated it as the new headquarters in the war to curb the Islamic uprising.

"We are under siege," Sumaila Ayuba, her voice shaking, told The Associated Press

by telephone just after midnight from her home on the city's western flank after her sleep was shattered by the explosions. "The shooting is quite deafening. Please, we need prayers."

Hours later, a man blew himself up at Gamboru cattle market, the site of previous bombings, officials said. One witness said he counted at least 20 bodies. The National Emergency Management Agency said 10 people were killed and many others injured. The witness spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Some onlookers began stoning the agency's rescue workers, for unknown reasons. Soldiers fired into the air to

disperse the crowd.

Over the weekend, more than 30 people died in another Boko Haram assault involving another suicide bombing and rocket-propelled grenades.

Also Tuesday, Boko Haram released a new video that allegedly shows militants shooting wounded Nigerian soldiers in the head and beheading a man in civilian clothes as well as charred parts claimed to be the remnants of a downed Nigerian jet fighter.

The video, the first released since it pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group, has no sign of longtime leader Abubakar Shekau, previously a mainstay of the group's videos.

## Activists: Decline of elephants in Tanzania is catastrophic

**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)**—The sharp decline of the elephant population in Tanzania, most likely due to poaching, is catastrophic, a wildlife conservation group said Tuesday.

The Tanzanian government on Monday estimated that 65,721 elephants have died in the country in the last five years. The report showed the number of Tanzanian elephants plummeting from an estimated 109,051 in 2009 to 43,330 in 2014.

Steve Broad, the executive directors of wildlife conservation group TRAFFIC, said it is incredible that poaching on such an industrial scale had not been identified and addressed.

The statistics back concerns by TRAFFIC in a 2013 report that the Tanzanian ports of

Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar have become main exit points for vast amounts of ivory, the group said in a statement.

According to the conservation group, at least 45 tons of ivory have flowed from Tanzania to international markets in Asia since 2009.

It said a breakdown across the country showed some smaller elephant populations had increased, notably that in the famed Serengeti region, which rose from 3,068 to 6,087 animals. However, beyond the most heavily visited tourist locations, elephant numbers were significantly down.

Of particular concern is the Ruaha-Rungwa ecosystem, where only 8,272 elephants remained in 2014, compared to 34,664 in 2009, according

to government figures, the statement said.

"Tanzania has been hemorrhaging ivory with Ruaha-Rungwa the apparent epicenter and nobody seems to have raised the alarm," Broad said, and urged the government to take action to bring the situation under control.

The Tanzanian government says it has added an additional 1,000 rangers to protect wildlife, but Broad said "there is a real risk that it could be a case of too little too late for some elephant populations."

In February China imposed a one-year ban on ivory imports that took immediate effect amid criticism that its citizens' huge appetite for ivory has fueled poaching that threatens the existence of African elephants.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Copter chartered by aid group crashes in Nepal, killing 4

**KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)**—A helicopter chartered by Doctors Without Borders crashed in quake-damaged northeast Nepal on Tuesday and four people on board were killed, police and the aid group said. The helicopter was returning to Kathmandu when it crashed on Yamuna Danda hill near Balefi village, Nepal Police spokesman Kamal Singh Bam said. The bodies of three men and a woman were recovered and police rescuers were trying to return the bodies to Kathmandu, he said. The crash



## Focus

# Relatives of China boat passengers turn anger on govt

By JACK CHANG and BAPTISTE FALLEVOZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SHANGHAI** (AP)—Huang Jing rushed to the office of the Shanghai Xiehe Tourism Agency as soon as he heard Tuesday morning about the sinking of a riverboat cruise with his brother- and father-in-law and another 456 people on board.

He demanded an official passenger list from the travel company that had arranged the cruise along China's famed Yangtze River. When the agency didn't respond, he and other relatives turned on the local government, storming city district offices and cornering officials to ask that they force the cruise company to help them. Police were called in to keep the peace.

"The government must meet its responsibility," Huang said by mobile phone from a government office where he and other relatives were being kept away from the media. "We need to learn what happened to our loved ones."

Such quick outrage mirrors the responses of victim's relatives from other recent disasters such as last year's disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which carried mostly Chinese travelers. Few of the people on the capsized cruise ship have been rescued.

In an authoritarian country where transparency and friendly public service are rare, everyday Chinese learn to assume officials are hiding something from them. But when the fates of mothers, husbands and children are at stake, tolerance for the routine breaks down, said Shi Sushi, an independent Beijing-based commentator.

"These emotions are just waiting to explode," Shi said. "And when these episodes happen, even when it's something small, all these feelings come out. The government hasn't been able to solve some basic everyday problems, and people are ready to believe the worst."

Tuesday's discontent began when grieving relatives showed up to the travel agency's office only to find a notice on the door saying the owner could not be reached. They moved onto Shanghai's Zhabei district where they tearfully demanded help from officials there.

Although an apparent boat passenger list had been circulating on social media, Huang said it only included the names and government ID numbers of passengers who had purchased travel insurance. He said his relatives and others weren't on that list.

"The government should bring us to Hubei now," said one relative, who only identified herself by her family name Li.



AP  
Relatives of Shanghai passengers on board a cruise ship that capsized in central China, attempt to storm a government office to demand for action after the tourist agency which organized the tour failed to help them, in Shanghai, China, Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

"How can these people (at the travel agency) run away?"

Dozens of police arrived when relatives confronted city

officials while shouting, "Are we asking too much? No, we just want information!"

Similar scenes followed the

stampede deaths of 36 people on Shanghai's Bund riverfront on New Year's Eve, when grieving relatives demanding to learn the

fate of fallen revelers blocked city streets and were whisked by officials into hidden rooms.

Malaysia Airlines relatives

have been fighting their battle for more than a year as they await word about their loved ones aboard the still-missing plane. Chinese police have detained and beaten some family members after they began criticizing the Chinese government's response to the accident.

"Nothing has changed, nothing has been found," one of the relatives of the missing MH370 passengers said in a recent interview. She identified herself only by her family name, also Li. "Everyday they just lie and trick the families."

Chinese officials have tried to defuse such suspicions by blending coverage of such disasters with positive stories of government officials jumping into action.

On Tuesday, state broadcaster CCTV paired updates on the boat sinking with footage of Premier Li Keqiang appearing to direct the rescue effort from the river site as well as with quotes from President Xi Jinping calling for an all-out rescue effort. The relatives didn't appear on state media reports about the disaster, which instead described the rescue in extensive detail.

Huang said he still didn't know whether his relatives were alive or dead.

"Nobody has told us anything," he said. "This is something we can't accept."

## Sinkings in S. Korea, China present divers different tests

By FOSTER KLUG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—As divers scramble to save hundreds trapped in a capsized cruise ship in China's Yangtze River, the scene in some ways evokes Northeast Asia's last major maritime disaster: the ferry sinking last year that killed more than 300 people off South Korea's southwest coast. Yet even at this early stage, there are far more differences than similarities.

Here are some key points comparing the South Korean and Chinese sinkings:

### RESCUE SPEED

Already within the first 24 hours, Chinese divers pulled three trapped survivors from inside the overturned cruise ship, in addition to others passengers who made it to safety. It took divers in South Korea more than three agonizing days just to enter the ferry Sewol after it sank on April 16, 2014. By that time, all they could do was retrieve bodies. For those three days, as TV cameras

filmed the ferry as it sank, and a stunned nation watched, divers and rescue workers failed repeatedly to get into the ship. Officials said the extreme currents around the South Korean islands where the ferry sank, the cold water temperature and the unpredictable weather made it too dangerous for divers to enter.

### SHOWING ANGER

Outrage will likely take a different form in China than it did in South Korea, where families of victims sometimes accosted and screamed at officials who visited the scene of the disaster. That anger lingers among many here who see the rescue operations as criminally botched. For the last year, dozens have camped in a major South Korean square to protest the government's handling of the disaster. So great was the uproar that South Korea's president eventually disbanded the much-maligned coast guard, creating a new body meant to oversee national safety issues. Though families in China's capsizing are already express-

ing their anger, it seems unlikely something similar could happen in their authoritarian country, where crackdowns on dissent are common.

### THE CAPTAINS

One similarity: Both captains survived. It is too early to say what will happen in China, of course, but the Sewol captain is one of the most hated men in recent South Korean history. He was among the first to escape, filmed by cameras leaping in his underpants from the sinking ship onto a coast guard vessel. He was arrested on suspicion of negligence and abandoning people in need. The rage that he escaped early and unhurt was compounded here by claims that he and his crew botched the evacuation, telling the mostly schoolchildren inside to remain where they were, even as the ship sank and capsized. In April, the captain was given a sentence of life in prison by an appellate court on a homicide conviction.

### RESCUE CHALLENGES

It's not clear how successful

the Chinese rescue operations will be or, if largely unsuccessful, how long the recovery of bodies will take. But the Sewol recovery operations dragged on for seven months, until November when the government called them off. By that time, they'd searched for more than 200 days and recovered 295 bodies; nine are still missing. The physical toll was extreme. Every day divers would gather at a dock and check the weather and currents. If allowed to dive, they had to feel along the side of the ship until they could find a window they could crack open with hammers. Thick sediment inside often made flashlights useless, and divers had to creep along using their hands to feel where they were. Their only lifeline was a 100-meter oxygen hose, and it was a constant battle to keep it from getting snagged. Several divers had to make rapid ascents to the surface, risking decompression sickness, also known as the bends, which in severe cases can be fatal. Two divers died in the Sewol operations.



# Environment

## Californians conserved more water ahead of mandatory cuts

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** (AP)—Californians are using less water, but they'll have to conserve a lot more to reach the mandatory drought cuts taking effect this month, according to the latest numbers released Tuesday.

California residents reduced overall water use by 13.5 percent in April compared to the same month in the benchmark year of 2013, water officials said.

That's the second-best conservation achievement since state officials started closely tracking water use more than a year ago, but it fell short of the 25 percent cut that Gov. Jerry Brown made mandatory for cities and towns as of June 1.

"Local communities are stepping up in a way they weren't before, and I'm hoping that's why we are starting to see the uptick" in conservation, said Felicia Marcus, chairwoman of the state Water Resources Control Board.

"The real challenge is, we really have to step it up for the summer months," Marcus said. "If we miss the summer, we are toast."

April's still-lackluster overall savings reported by the roughly 400 water agencies in the state could raise concerns about whether Californians have fully acknowledged the severity of the drought.

This year's Sierra Nevada snowpack, which feeds the state's rivers, was the lowest on record—a grim image that served as Brown's backdrop when he announced unprecedented conservation measures on April 1.

"When they saw the governor out on that dry meadow and saw what was in his executive order, and realized it was really time



In this Monday, June 1, 2015 photo, workers with JW Landscape work on removing 300,000 square feet of turf at Suzuki headquarters in Brea, Calif. The grass will be replaced with drought-tolerant plants and is expected to save the company 700,000 gallons of water a month, said R.F. Taitano, administrative services manager. California cities and businesses have been ordered to reduce water use by 25 percent, because of the drought.

to step up, they really started to step up," said board scientist Max Gomberg, who is overseeing conservation.

April's best conservers included Santa Rosa, a city of 170,000 people north of San Francisco, which reported a 32 percent drop in April compared to the same month in 2013. The city offered a host of programs to achieve savings such as paying residents to reduce 52 football fields' worth of lawn and

giving away 50,000 low-flush toilets since 2007.

Saved water "is the cheapest water you can find," said David Guhin, water director for Santa Rosa. "It's gotten to where lawns are uncool."

Cool or no, many communities are still falling far short.

"Fifty-thousand toilets? Really? We don't have that kind of money," said Alan Tandy, city manager of Bakersfield, where water use increased by 1 percent

in the latest state tally.

Along with offering some modest rebate programs for water conservation, the working-class city surrounded by farms and oil rigs was finding it difficult to get the word out to everybody about saving, Tandy said.

The Southern California coast, a region including Los Angeles and San Diego, cut just 9 percent in April, compared to a 20 percent reduction in the

San Francisco Bay Area and 24 percent in the Sacramento area.

Among cities of 40,000 or more, the steepest reduction of 45 percent was reported by the water company serving Livermore. The worst was Escondido, reporting a 20 percent increase.

Starting this month, each community has a mandatory water reduction target, with some ordered to cut back as much as 36 percent.

Water districts missing their targets face potential fines of up to \$10,000 a day once June numbers are in, although a far more likely outcome will be state-ordered changes in local regulations, like toughening limits on lawn-watering.

The shift to mandatory conservation followed lackluster savings through a voluntary effort, with water use slipping just 3 percent in February and 4 percent in March compared to the same months in 2013.

Water waste also is being tracked, and the board could penalize local agencies that don't crack down. Only a tenth of water departments reported penalizing their customers for water waste in April.

Suppliers of treated water closely monitor and report their customers' usage each month, but most farmers self-report consumption long after their crops have been grown and harvested.

But as more wells and streams run dry, California's farmers are expected to increase by a third the fields they fallow this year.

The drought's impact on agriculture alone will cost California \$500 million more than last year, for a total economic hit of \$2.7 billion in 2015, according to a new study by the University of California at Davis.

Roughly 200 farmers in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta east of San Francisco have submitted plans for voluntarily reducing water use by 25 percent to avoid deeper mandatory cuts later this year.

State officials are still figuring out how much water could be saved through the deals, but state delta water master Michael George said he expects significant conservation.

**SEATTLE (AP)**—With Washington state experiencing the worst mountain snowpack in decades and a drought emergency declared two weeks ago, farmers, growers and wildlife managers are preparing for a tough summer as conditions are expected to worsen.

Some farmers and irrigators are forgoing watering crops and pastures for all or part of the season in exchange for lease payments from the state. Others are seeking permission to tap emergency wells or drill new ones. A large irrigation district in the Yakima River basin shut off the water for a few weeks this month to save supply for later.

Fish managers are keeping close watch on rivers where salmon heading upstream may get stranded or could be harmed by shallow, warmer stream temperatures.

The statewide snowpack

## Washington farmers, wildlife managers prepare for drought

level is less than 10 percent of normal, and about one-fifth of the state's rivers and streams are at record low levels, prompting Gov. Jay Inslee to declare a statewide drought emergency on May 15. He said agriculture, wildlife and communities with small water systems will be hit hardest.

The declaration allows the Department of Ecology to buy and lease water for farmers, protect salmon and help those facing hardships, but the agency is still waiting for the money. The state Senate approved \$18 million over two years in emergency drought relief as the first special session closed Thursday, but the House hasn't taken action yet.

"This is the worst snowpack we've seen since we started collecting data in the 1930s," said Scott Pattee, a water sup-

ply specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. "The state is in a drought, even though we've had a normal water year."

Unlike drought-stricken California, where mandatory water restrictions are in place, rainfall has been normal in Washington this winter. So water suppliers in cities such as Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and Vancouver, have a good supply in rain-fed reservoirs or aquifers and don't anticipate water limits. Yakima also likely won't curtail water though the city recently launched a campaign encouraging residents to conserve.

But low snowpack means there won't be much to replenish streams and rivers this summer when migrating fish and farmers who rely on irrigation need it most.

Not everyone will feel the pinch. Those who hold the oldest claims to water, known as senior water rights, are less vulnerable to water shortages and may not have to curtail use. They'll get water before those holding lesser rights.

Brent DeKoning grows Timothy hay on about 700 acres in Ellensburg and gets water from the Kittitas Reclamation District, a junior-right holder whose water allotment will be 44 percent of normal.

DeKoning said he'll only get one cutting of hay earlier in the season, rather than two. And he won't be able to plant new hay in the fall or plant a rotation crop like corn or wheat, he said. "You just have to weather it out," he said. "You just hope that the reservoir and the snowpack come back in the fall."

Ben Smith, who owns a

600-acre dairy farm in Sequim with his brother, said he sized up the situation, anticipated possible reductions and decided to lease some water to the state to keep flows in the Dungeness River for fish.

"We're very concerned if we'll have enough water to irrigate," said Smith, who grows barley, grass and corn to feed about 1,000 Holstein cows, bulls and calves.

Without enough water to grow its own feed, the farm will have to buy it. Smith said he'll use money from the water leases to cover the cost.

The water he agrees to forgo in the last 30 days of the season will keep water in the river for migrating salmon.

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife is buying more equipment to recirculate water at its fish hatcheries, stocking

up on disease treatments and considering whether it needs to move fish or release them early, said Teresa Scott, the agency's drought coordinator.

"We're doing everything we can to make sure the fish in hatcheries are protected," she said.

This month, a group of irrigators agreed to turn off irrigation for 17 hours to keep more water in a 31-mile stretch of the Walla Walla River for salmon and other fish.

Jim Probert, who raises about 750 cattle on irrigated pasture just west of Walla Walla, said: "We're trying to get along with everyone so we can help the fish and not hurt ourselves too bad."

Probert anticipates having less water later this summer and moving cattle from pastures to feedlots earlier than usual.

"I don't think I've ever seen it like this, going into summer," he said.



## Life & Style

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Newly declared Republican presidential candidate Lindsey Graham's interview with George Stephanopoulos on "Good Morning America" Tuesday is the latest sign that the ABC anchor's donations to the Clinton Foundation seem not to have impeded his coverage of the upcoming presidential elections.

Stephanopoulos also has interviewed declared or prospective candidates Rick Santorum, Martin O'Malley, Bobby Jindal and Ben Carson for ABC News since it was revealed last month that he had donated a total of \$75,000 to the former president's foundation and failed to inform his bosses about it.

The "Good Morning America" and "This Week" host apologized on both programs for the donation and said he would not moderate an ABC debate among GOP candidates scheduled for early next year. ABC promised to stand by its chief news and political anchor, but his three separate gifts to the foundation run by Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton's husband led some critics to suggest Stephanopoulos' ability to fairly cover the campaign had been compromised.

His interviews since then suggest the ethical issue hasn't been an ongoing concern.

# Donation little hindrance to Stephanopoulos interviews

Carson and Jindal both appeared on "This Week" this past Sunday, as did O'Malley, who with Vermont's Bernie Sanders is one of two declared Democratic opponents to Clinton.

In the O'Malley interview, Stephanopoulos asked him how an O'Malley presidency would differ from those of Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. They discussed whether Hillary Clinton would be beholden to Wall Street interests, and O'Malley was asked to make the case about why progressives should support him instead of Sanders.

Asked about Stephanopoulos on Tuesday, O'Malley press secretary Haley Morris pointed to an earlier quote the campaign's Lis Smith had given to CNN: "We have immense respect for him and he has always been fair."

Santorum had questioned after the donation was reported whether Stephanopoulos should moderate Democratic debates. But the former Pennsylvania senator appeared on "Good Morning America" with Stephanopoulos last week.

"Sen. Santorum and George Stephanopoulos have always had a solid working relation-



AP  
In this Oct. 23, 2013 file photo, ABC News' George Stephanopoulos attends the 2013 Courage in Journalism and Lifetime Achievement Awards in New York.

ship and the senator did not have any hesitation in doing an interview with him," said

Matthew Benyon, Santorum spokesman.

Rand Paul was the only Re-

publican candidate to publicly suggest that Stephanopoulos, who worked in Bill Clinton's

White House and first presidential campaign, made it impossible for him to be unbiased. ABC News would not comment Tuesday on whether anyone had declined to be interviewed by Stephanopoulos because of the issue.

Clinton came up during Stephanopoulos' interview with Graham. The ABC newsman pointed out that Graham had referred to Clinton as a "national treasure" and praised her effectiveness as secretary of state. "What changed?" Stephanopoulos asked.

Santorum's decision to go on "Good Morning America" caused some consternation within conservative circles, said Tim Graham, director of media analysis for the Media Research Center, a conservative media watchdog. That group's founder, Brent Bozell, had called on ABC to take Stephanopoulos off campaign coverage.

Tim Graham, who's no relation to Lindsey Graham, said that he realized that a guest spot on the top-rated network morning news program is difficult to resist. If an interview with a journalist that many conservatives regard as liberal were to become contentious, that wouldn't necessarily be a bad thing for a GOP candidate seeking to appeal to his party's base, he said.

"I wouldn't advise it," he said. "But I understand what they're trying to do. In a Republican field this enormous, you have to do what you can."

## Where Caitlyn Jenner found her Vanity Fair style inspiration

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The stealth Caitlyn Jenner cover shoot for Vanity Fair sprang from her chats with the magazine's fashion and style director, Jessica Diehl, about inspirations ranging from Lauren Bacall to "The Thomas Crown Affair."

In an interview released by the magazine, Diehl called Jenner "all-American in so many ways," style wise.

"She has certain ideas about what she feels great in. But those ideas are still forming and taking shape. There will be some experimentation and trying things. Welcome to the world of women's fashion! It's not always smooth sailing, but I think she has a pretty good idea of what makes her feel good, and those are classic silhouettes," Diehl said.

Jenner's debut as Caitlyn for the July cover was released online Monday and will hit newsstands June 9. Downloads of an inside photo spread and the story written by Buzz Bissinger were made available.

The cover shows Jenner, formerly known as Bruce, seated, legs crossed, on a high stool wearing a Trashy Lin-

gerie creamy corset and panties paired with the headline: "Call Me Caitlyn." Annie

Leibovitz shot the photo and several more with Jenner in a gold-sequin gown by Halston



AP  
This photo taken by Annie Leibovitz exclusively for Vanity Fair shows the cover of the magazine's July 2015 issue featuring Bruce Jenner debuting as a transgender woman named Caitlyn Jenner.

Heritage and another off-the-shoulder black number by Zac Posen.

In fresh interview excerpts posted Tuesday on the magazine's website, Jenner acknowledged some nerves over how the photos would be perceived but said they turned out "over-the-top great" and have been warmly received.

"I was always worried—you never wanted to look like a guy in drag, you never wanted to look like a guy in a dress, O.K.," she said. "If you're going to do that, come out, you really have to look the part. You have to look very feminine, you have to be able to, what I call my presentation is extremely important because it puts people at ease."

Jenner wore a tight Donna Karan New York red mini-dress for one shot that had her in the driver's seat of the \$180,000 Porsche purchased for Bruce Jenner by ex-wife Kris Jenner. Other photos showed her in a black lace corset by Agent Provocateur and a top and skirt by Herve Leger as she lounged on the couch of her Malibu, California, beach house.

## 'America's Got Talent' returns to top of ratings

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Memorial Day isn't the only sign of summer. The return of "America's Got Talent" to television screens, along with a liberal dose of reality shows and reruns, are just as reliable as thermometers.

NBC was last week's most popular television network for the first week since it televised the Super Bowl, helped primarily by "America's Got Talent." The popular summer show was the only one to register more than 10 million viewers last week on the night it was broadcast.

The Nielsen company's list of top 20 programs last week also included three prime-time newsmagazines besides "60 Minutes." The news shows provide relatively cheap programming for networks looking to cut costs in the slow summer months.

As for breezy diversions, CBS' "The Briefcase" was the week's most popular reality show, while NBC's "American Ninja Warrior" and "I Can Do That" both scored well among younger viewers.

NBC's well-publicized sum-

mer series "Aquarius" landed in the top 20, but the 1960s-themed show attracted an older audience, which is not a plus in the TV business.

NBC averaged 5.5 million viewers for the week and easily won among the 18-to-49-year-old demographic it targets. CBS averaged 5.4 million, ABC had 3.9 million, Fox had 2.7 million, Univision had 2.2 million, Telemundo had 1.4 million, ION Television had 1.2 million and the CW had 1 million.

ESPN was the week's most popular cable network behind its coverage of the Golden State-Houston NBA playoff series. The sports network averaged 2.5 million viewers in prime time, History had 1.89 million, USA had 1.76 million, the Disney Channel had 1.72 million and HGTV had 1.59 million.

The evening newscast ratings race was extremely tight, with NBC's "Nightly News" averaging 7.68 million viewers and ABC's "World News Tonight" having 7.65 million. The "CBS Evening News" had 6.4 million.



## Kim Kardashian says dress caught fire; Pharrell rescued her

**NEW YORK (AP)**—It's an eventful time for Kim Kardashian: A new baby coming, a huge transition for her stepfather, and now a fire emergency, with none other than Pharrell and his wife to the rescue.

Kardashian reported on social media Tuesday that her dress caught fire following the Council of Fashion Designers of America awards Monday night.

"Shout out to Pharrell & Helen who saved my life last night!" she wrote on Instagram, repeating the message on Twitter and Facebook. "LOL After the awards at dinner the feathers

of my dress caught on fire from a candle & they jumped on me to get it out!"

Kardashian and husband Kanye West were both at the glittery awards ceremony—tantamount to fashion's Oscars—as presenters. West presented Pharrell with the CFDA's Fashion Icon award, and Kardashian presented Instagram co-founder Kevin Systrom with the media award.

The ceremony took place at New York's Lincoln Center. Kardashian did not specify if the fire incident happened there or elsewhere in the city.

## Rapper Iggy Azalea, NBA player Nick Young are engaged

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Iggy Azalea recently canceled her fall tour, so she has time to plan for a big moment in her life: her wedding.

Nick Young of the Los Angeles Lakers proposed to the rapper late Monday as they celebrated Young's 30th birthday. A short video of Azalea saying yes as Young proposed on bended knee was posted on the blog site Karen Civil. The site confirmed

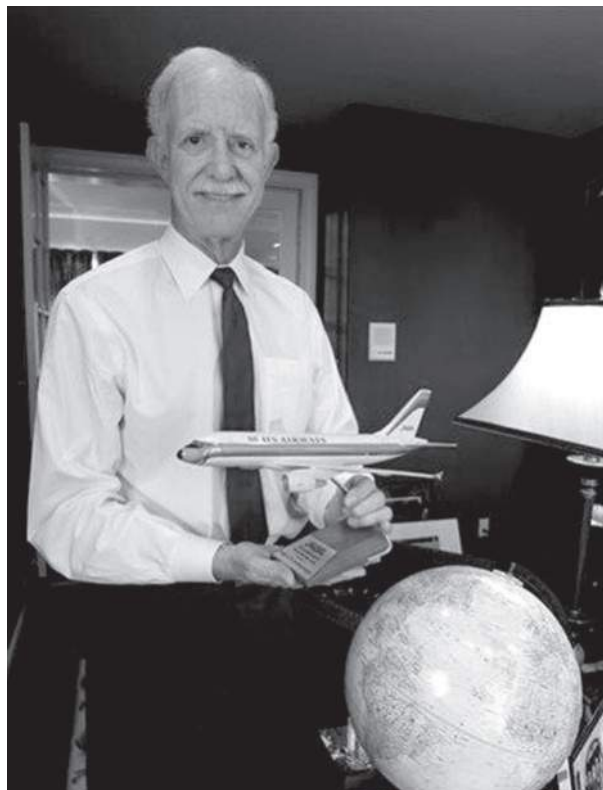
its authenticity via email.

Azeala's representative also confirmed the engagement.

Azalea posted a photo on Instagram of her hand graced with a diamond ring. Young wrote, "She said yes. It's over man. I'm getting married!" when he posted a photo of the couple kissing.

Azalea will be 25 on Sunday. She announced last week that she was canceling her U.S. tour for a second time.

# Clint Eastwood to make biopic of pilot 'Sully' Sullenberger



**NEW YORK (AP)**—Clint Eastwood will follow his box-office sensation "American Sniper" with a biopic of pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger.

Warner Bros. announced Tuesday that Eastwood will direct and produce the not-yet-titled drama as his next film. The film is to be adapted from Sullenberger's 2009 memoir, "Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters," which chronicled his personal history before he famously landed a US Airways plane in the Hudson River in New York in 2009.

"I am very glad my story is in the

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FILE - In this Jan. 10, 2011 file photo, Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger captain of the US Airways flight #5149 that landed in New York's Hudson River in 2009, poses in his office at his home in Danville, Calif.

hands of gifted storyteller and filmmaker Clint Eastwood," Sullenberger said in a statement.

It will be Eastwood's first film after the biggest box-office hit of his career. The Oscar-winning "American Sniper," starring Bradley Cooper as Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, made \$543.4 million globally for Warner Bros. and became the top domestic release of 2014.

The film will be produced by Frank Marshall and Allyn Stewart and penned by Todd Komarnicki. Warner Bros. has long been Eastwood's home studio.

"Simply put, Clint Eastwood is at the top of his game, not to mention a global treasure," said Greg Silverman, president of creative development and worldwide production at Warner Bros. "On the heels of his extraordinary work in 'American Sniper,' it is tremendously exciting to see him explore another captivating true-life hero."

## Court upholds sentence for son of Schwarzenegger ally

By **ELLIOT SPAGAT**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—A California appeals court on Tuesday upheld former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's decision to dramatically reduce the manslaughter sentence of a political ally's son, saying his conduct may be considered wrong but it didn't violate any laws.

On his last day in office in 2011, Schwarzenegger commuted the sentence of Esteban Nunez to seven years from 16 years in the stabbing death of college student Luis Santos in San Diego. Esteban Nunez's father is Fabian Nunez, speaker of the state Assembly while Schwarzenegger was governor.

Frederico and Kathy Santos, the victim's parents, and San

Diego County District Bonnie Dumanis sued to overturn the shortened sentence, arguing that the governor violated a voter-approved constitutional amendment that requires victims to be notified before a decision. But the 3rd District Court of Appeal in Sacramento agreed with a trial judge that the amendment approved in 2008 and known as Marsy's Law does not apply to commuted sentences.

"We are compelled to conclude that, while Schwarzenegger's conduct could be seen as deserving of censure and grossly unjust, it was not illegal," Associate Justice Harry E. Hull Jr. wrote.

"Back-room dealings were apparent," the court wrote of Schwarzenegger's decision.

Presiding Justice Vance W.



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FILE - In this Wednesday March 18, 2009 file photo former California Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, right, and his son Esteban Nunez, left, leave a hearing in Superior Court in San Diego.

Raye wrote in a concurring opinion, "As reprehensible as the Governor's action in this instance might have been, it

would be equally reprehensible to ignore the clear language of a constitutional provision."

Steve Walker, a spokesman for Dumanis, said the prosecutor will appeal.

"Gov. Schwarzenegger deprived Esteban Nunez's victims of an opportunity to be heard, and he violated the intent of Marsy's Law, a constitutional amendment granting victims' rights to participate in the criminal justice system," Walker said.

The Santos family didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

Santos, then a student at San Diego's Mesa College, was killed in October 2008 during a confrontation with Nunez and his friends, who had been turned away from a party near the San Diego State University campus.



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FILE - In this Jan. 14, 2015 file photo, Los Angeles Lakers' Nick Young, right, and Australian recording artist Iggy Azalea attend an NCAA college basketball game between UCLA and Southern California in Los Angeles.

## Helicopter mom can't stop keeping tabs on teenager

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm having a hard time letting my almost 17-year-old daughter out of my sight. When she walks home from school, I call to make sure she's OK, then call her again minutes later when I estimate she's home. The whole time I worry.

I check on her wherever she is, whomever she is with, and if she doesn't answer a call or text, I panic. I have on a few occasions raced home from work in the middle of the day only to find her napping, and I'm upset to the point that I'll start crying. I realize this isn't healthy for either of us.

Years ago, a little girl in our town, the same age as my daughter, was taken from her home and murdered. I think that plays a part in why I act so irrational. Some of her friends will be driving this summer and I can only imagine there will be trips to the beach (three nightmares in one!) and whatever else. I guess I just want to know how to come to grips.

FRANTIC MOM OF A TEEN IN FLORIDA

**DEAR FRANTIC:** While your fears are based on a real incident, your daughter is no longer a little girl. You can't protect her forever, and as a teenager, she needs to establish some independence. You would be doing both of you a favor to talk to a licensed mental health counselor NOW about this, because your fears are excessive.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I've reached the point in my life that I can no lon-

ger hide fine lines and crow's feet. It is bothering me greatly. How do other women handle it, especially when the deep lines form?

I've talked to others my age and it doesn't bother them. I want to talk to elderly people and ask them, but I don't know how to politely broach the subject. I feel guilty for being vain and I hate that, but it's hard for me to accept. Please help.

HATING AGING IN EAU CLAIRE

**DEAR HATING AGING:** I don't think anyone, male or female, relishes the idea of being old—particularly in American society—unless they consider the alternative, which is death.

Men and women handle signs of aging in different ways. Fortunes have been spent on beauty products, with varying degrees of success, although hope-in-a-jar springs eternal. Board-certified dermatologists and plastic surgeons can minimize the signs of aging with fillers, Botox, lasers and surgery, but they can be expensive. Others accept that beauty comes from within and opt to do nothing to change their appearance.

Talking to people in their 70s, 80s or 90s about the changes they have experienced and the lessons they have learned as they grew older is a good idea. I'm sure you'll receive some enlightening input. But if it doesn't change your feelings, talk to a doctor because a good one can work "miracles."

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**DEAR ABBY:** I live in Miami and my mother-in-law lives in Ohio. My husband just told me she is planning to move here and

## DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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live with us. I don't mind her moving in with us because she is my mother-in-law, but her boyfriend of 15 years is also coming down. Her boyfriend's brother is moving to West Palm Beach. (It's the reason why they are moving.) Does it make me sound petty to say I don't want the boyfriend to move in with us?

MOTHER-IN-LAW DILEMMA

**DEAR DILEMMA:** Petty? I don't think so. You are not running a boardinghouse. The boyfriend is no relation to you, and if you prefer not to have a stranger living under your roof, that should be your choice.

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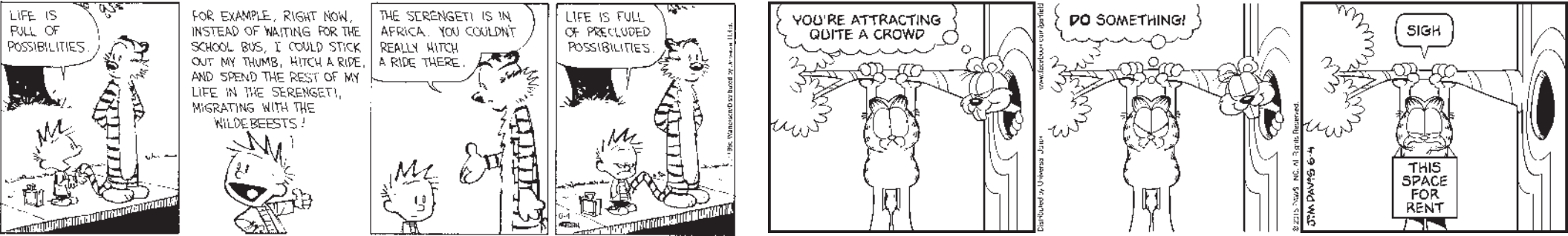


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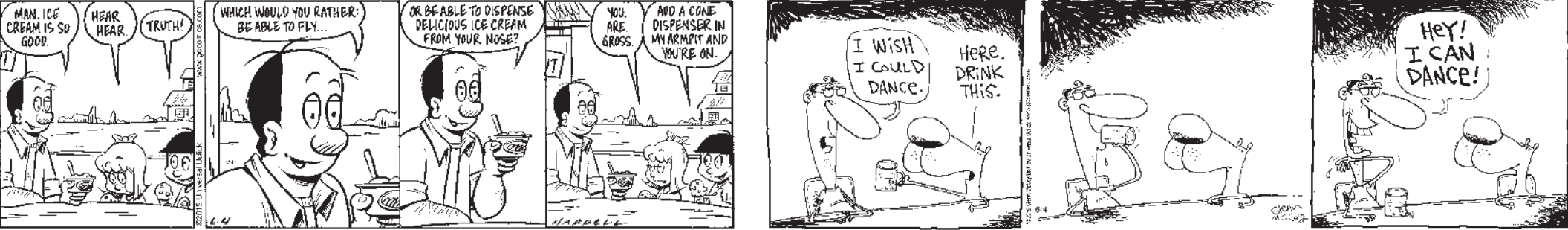
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Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterday's answer 6-4

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Bar Refaeli, 30; Russell Brand, 40; Angelina Jolie, 40; Noah Wyle, 44.

**Happy Birthday:** You may have to rethink your financial strategy and the motives behind your long-range plans. Getting involved with the wrong people or taking part in a joint venture for reasons that are not sound are best avoided. Work independently and put greater emphasis on your strengths. Discipline and hard work will be your tickets to success, not riding someone else's coat-tails. Your numbers are 7, 13, 17, 20, 27, 35, 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Refuse to let a work-related matter cause emotional stress. Consider what you can do to improve your situation. Taking care of problems in a professional manner will help you outshine whomever is causing you grief. \*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Check out new entertainment options. Spend time with friends or make family plans. A day trip will lead to information that will spark your imagination. Romance will bring you closer to someone you think is pretty special. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Home improvement projects or moving to larger quarters will allow you greater freedom to take on creative pastimes. Use your charm to convince someone to lend a hand. Call in a favor that will help to enhance what you have to offer. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Emotional blackmail will lead to uncertainty. Don't hide your feelings if someone is unfair. Accept inevitable changes and keep moving forward. In the end, you will end up benefiting if you play by the rules and continue to be productive. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Your generosity will be repaid. Offer your services where you feel they will help the most. You will make a lasting impression on someone who can help you get ahead. Strive for perfection and you will outshine any competition you encounter. \*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Close deals and finish what you start. A decision you make will not bode well with everyone. Network and you will find compatible partners who share your ideas and beliefs. Take responsibility for your actions and do your own thing. \*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Keep your costs down. Use your intelligence to get the most for your money. A change in a relationship will turn out to be good for you. Keep your emotions under control and bide your time when dealing with family disputes. \*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Money matters will lead to arguments due to poor information or false advertising. Focus on personal projects and you will feel good about your accomplishments at the end of the day. Prioritize what's important to you. \*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Take a look at what someone has to offer you. A chance to change your direction or improve your position is apparent. Don't dismiss making a move to a new location. A partnership will offer adventure and plenty of experi- ence. \*\*\*

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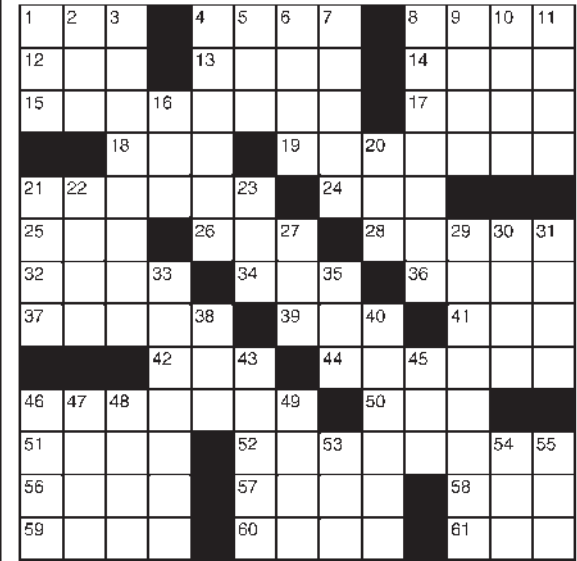
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You'll have to think on your feet. Refuse to let someone's emotions stifle a plan you have had in the works for some time. The information someone offers will be false. Keep things in perspective, ask questions and protect your assets. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Speak up, share your thoughts and be a part of the planning that goes on regarding your job and your personal life. What you contribute will give you an edge that will help you excel personally and professionally. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Get serious about what you want to do next. Investigate what will help you follow through with your plans. Set time aside for personal pampering or get together with someone special. Romance is encouraged. \*\*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are imaginative and playful. You are a dreamer and a doer.

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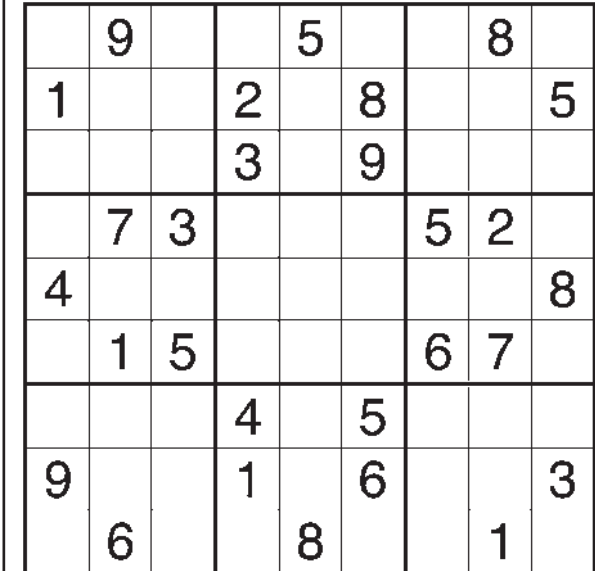


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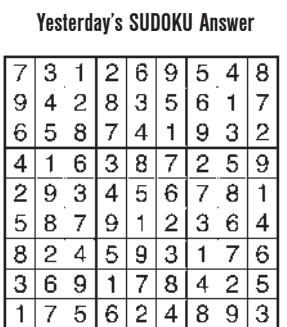


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# Blatter's 17-year rule marked by growth, scandal

GENEVA (AP)—Sepp Blatter governed the biggest sport on Earth for nearly two decades, for years untouched personally by allegations of corruption, but never sharing the game's popularity.

He joked about his "Dr. Evil" image, like a James Bond villain manipulating soccer from his Swiss headquarters and never responding to public outcry. He surrounded himself with loyal lieutenants, many of whom he raised from obscurity to lead powerful national and regional federations. He put them in control of billions of dollars for TV contracts, endorsements of national teams and where the biggest tournaments were held.

Even over the last few years, as many of those deputies were torched by scandal, he replaced them without making huge changes and took credit for helping clean up the game.

After 17 years in charge and bringing the game's marquee events to new heights, the pressure became too much. The world's largest soccer nations were in open rebellion and discussing an alternate tournament to the World Cup. Sponsors from the world's most-popular soft drink to best-selling video game questioned their ties to FIFA.

At a hastily arranged announcement Tuesday, Blatter said he plans to resign and admitted he had lost too much support to remain in office.

But even on his way out, he didn't take responsibility for the problems under his watch. He declared he was now free from constraints and could clean up the game the way he has wanted to, seemingly tone deaf to the idea that that might sound insincere.

As FIFA thrived through allegations of bribery, vote-buying and World Cup ticket scams, the 79-year-old Blatter built a base of support by bolstering the sport in developing countries and brought the first World Cup to Africa.

On May 27, U.S. prosecutors issued indictments against 14 current or former soccer officials—including seven arrested in raids at a luxury Zurich hotel. The Swiss also opened a criminal investigation into the votes awarding the World Cup tournaments to Russia in 2018 and to Qatar in 2022.

Even though he was not implicated in those investigations, Blatter faced calls for his resignation that came from some of his harshest critics in the game as well as from political leaders.

His re-election to a fifth, four-year term Friday was a reflection of the support he enjoyed by giving each of FIFA's 209 member federations a basic yearly sum of \$250,000, plus bonuses and project funds from World Cup profits.

FIFA's revenue was about \$560 million in 1998 when Blatter took over and \$5.7 billion last year, boosted by huge



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In this Friday, Nov. 19, 2010 file photo FIFA President Sepp Blatter pauses during a press conference following a meeting of the Executive Committee in Zurich, Switzerland.

man election that was derided as a coronation.

Blatter devoted more than half his life to working at FIFA, as technical director, chief executive and, since 1998, as president.

He learned a lot from Havelange. The imperious Brazilian presided over FIFA for 24 years—the last 17 with Blatter as chief administrator. During that time, sports marketing became as a booming industry that could be bent to the will of federation leaders.

Blatter defended his reign during a 2013 speech at the Oxford Union in Britain.

"Perhaps you think I am a ruthless parasite sucking the lifeblood out of the world and out of football—the godfather of the FIFA gravy train," he said.

"There are those who will tell you that FIFA is just a conspiracy, a scam, accountable to nobody and too powerful for anyone to resist," he went on. "There are those who will tell you of the supposed sordid secrets that lie deep in our Bond villain headquarters in the hills above Zurich ... where we apparently plot to exploit the unfortunate and the weak. They would have you believe that I sit in my office with a sinister grin, gently stroking the chin of an expensive, white Persian cat."

"It is strange how fantasy easily becomes confused with fact," he said.

increases in media and marketing rights sales. FIFA had 137 members in 1970 and 190 when Blatter succeeded Joao Havelange, and 19 have been added—for the most part small nations that lack economic might and soccer pedigree.

Blatter used the revenue to build soccer in underdeveloped parts of the world—and boost support for himself. FIFA's website says the organization has given nearly \$11.9 billion in financial assistance, and has helped fund 698 projects under

its Goal Programme and 3,844 technical activities. Even when scandals tainted FIFA's prestige and image, most of the officials stuck by Blatter, particularly from small nations in Africa and Asia.

Since 2010, executive committee members Amos Adamu (Nigeria), Chuck Blazer (United States), Vernon Manilal Fernando (Sri Lanka), Mohammed bin Hammam (Qatar), Reynald Temarii (Tahiti) and Jack Warner (Trinidad and Tobago) were suspended. Nicolas Leoz (Paraguay) and Ricardo Teixeira (Brazil) quit following corruption allegations.



Current executive committee member Jeffrey Webb (Cayman Islands) and expiring member Eugenio Figueredo (Uruguay) were suspended last week along with executive committee member-elect Eduardo Li (Costa Rica) after they were indicted in the

U.S. on racketeering, wire fraud and money laundering charges along with Warner and Leoz. Blazer pled guilty to 10 counts.

Blatter weathered the turbulence. Shortly before his last re-election in 2011, FIFA was rocked when Hammam, his only challenger, and Warner were suspended because of bribery allegations in what was then described as the organization's worst scandal in its history.

"Crisis? What is a crisis? Football is not in a crisis," Blatter said before he won a one-

## Key questions: Why did Blatter resign and what now for FIFA?

### SIDEBAR

By ROB HARRIS  
AP SPORTS WRITER

**LONDON (AP)—**Sepp Blatter and his mentor Joao Havelange have run global's soccer's governing body since 1974, handing out power to national federations and regional chiefs who awarded the men with loyalty.

All that could change in the next few months, as a scandal-plagued Blatter calls for a new election that will influence everything from how the organization is run to how it deals with sponsors, broadcasters, federations, leagues, clubs, players and agents.

Here are some key questions about what happened since last week's U.S. indictments of FIFA officials and what will happen next.

**Q: Why did Blatter change his mind and resign, just four days after he was elected to a fifth term in a 133-73 vote over Prince Ali bin al-Hussein of Jordan?**

**A:** Blatter's explanation was the did not "have a mandate from the entire world of foot-

ball—the fans, the players, the clubs, the people who live, breathe and love football."

Blatter defiantly brushed aside any criticism when he was re-elected Friday, amid the gravest crisis in FIFA's history. After the arrest of former, current and future members of his executive committee, Blatter criticized U.S. authorities and the British media for pursuing an anti-FIFA agenda.

The opening days of Blatter's fifth term saw no respite in the corruption crisis.

**Q: What does Blatter expect to come out of the criminal investigations?**

**A:** U.S. authorities say additional charges against soccer officials can be expected.

The New York Times and ABC News reported Blatter himself was under investigation by the FBI.

The Justice Department's public assertions the investigation is ongoing "telegraphs that there are other people in their focus," said Ed Wilson, a Washington lawyer whose practice focuses on cross-border money transactions.

American investigators have made clear through last week's indictment that they view FIFA as rife with organizational corruption, and that means "people both up, down and sideways" from those indicted, Wilson said.

Another question is what Blatter knew about \$10 million in payments, which the U.S. says was a bribe for CONCACAF officials to vote for South Africa as 2010 World Cup host. Blatter said he knew nothing about the payments.

More damaging details are expected Wednesday. A U.S. judge has approved the release of the transcript from the hearing in 2013 when Chuck Blazer pled guilty plea to corruption charges. Blazer is a former general secretary of CONCACAF and a former member of FIFA's executive committee.

**Q: Was Blatter warned that FIFA finances were at risk?**

**A:** FIFA has been coming under pressure from sponsors to overhaul the governing body, with Visa last week becoming the first to threaten to cut its ties unless there is evidence of reform. Ques-

tions were also raised in the House of Commons in London on Monday about whether the publicly-funded BBC should be paying FIFA for World Cup broadcast rights when FIFA finances are under question.

**Q: Will Blatter's resignation impact the next World Cup hosts?**

**A:** A Swiss investigation is looking into the bidding process that saw Russia awarded the 2018 World Cup and Qatar voted the 2022 host in a contentious dual decision in 2010.

The Qatari bid has attracted the most criticism, with accusations the wealthy tiny Gulf nation bribed its way to victory. Qatar has repeatedly denied those allegations, and a strong legal case is likely to be required before any host was stripped of soccer's \$5 billion event.

**Q: When will Blatter's successor be announced?**

**A:** Domenico Scala, chairman of FIFA's audit and compliance committee, announced the presidential election is likely to "take place anytime from December of this year to

March of next year" at an extraordinary FIFA congress.

**Q: Who are the candidates likely to be?**

**A:** The favorite will be 59-year-old Michel Platini, the former French national team captain and the president of European soccer's governing body since 2007. Platini decided not to take on former ally Blatter in last week's election. Prince Ali hinted Tuesday he may have another shot at the presidency.

**Q: What will FIFA look like without Blatter?**

**A:** It will probably be more open about the running of the sport. Scala said he will seek to make public the compensation of the president and executive committee members. Blatter called for term limits.

**Q: How much in put will Blatter have in reform proposals?**

**A:** How lame a duck he will be will be determined by the executive committee, which likely will set up mechanisms to make proposals and will approve items put on the agenda for the extraordinary congress.



# Pillar homers twice, Blue Jays earn DH split with Nationals



**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Kevin Pillar hit two home runs off Max Scherzer, including a go-ahead three-run drive, as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Washington Nationals 7-3 Tuesday night to earn a split of a day-night doubleheader.

Jordan Zimmermann pitched six-hit ball for eight innings in the opener, a 2-0 victory that ended a three-game losing streak.

Bryce Harper had a go-ahead single off R.A. Dickey, then he thrilled a fan before the nightcap by taking a selfie in right field with her phone.

Scherzer (6-4) had won each of his previous five starts and appeared poised for another with a 3-1 lead.

Pillar had other ideas, though. He drove a pitch over the wall in left in the sixth for his second homer and fourth on the season for a 4-3 lead.

Marco Estrada (2-3) pitched six innings in the second game for Toronto, allowing three runs—two earned—and six hits.

Zimmermann (5-2) struck out four and walked one to win for the third time in four starts.

Dickey (2-6) gave up eight hits, struck out six and walked one.

## Rockies 6, Dodgers 3, 1st game; Dodgers 9, Rockies 8, 2nd game

In Denver, Alex Guerrero hit a grand slam off reliever Rafael Betancourt with two outs in the top of the ninth, helping Los Angeles salvage a doubleheader split.

Guerrero sent a fastball from Betancourt (2-2) to the deepest part of Coors Field, just eluding the glove of leaping center fielder Charlie Blackmon. It was Guerrero's first career grand slam and fourth homer of the day for the Dodgers.

In the opener, Jorge De La Rosa threw six solid innings with a healing cut on his middle finger and Michael McKenry homered to lead Colorado.

De La Rosa (2-2) had his start pushed back twice because of a cut he got from the seams on a baseball. The lefty allowed three runs and struck out six for his 71st win with the Rockies, one shy of matching Aaron Cook's team record.

John Axford pitched around a leadoff single in the ninth for his 10th save.

Ian Thomas (0-1) allowed four runs in three innings for the Dodgers, and rookie Joc Pederson hit his 15th home run, a shot estimated at 477 feet.

## Red Sox 1, Twins 0

In Boston, Clay Buchholz pitched eight innings and got all the run support he needed on Rusney Castillo's RBI single in the seventh as Boston ended a three-game skid.

Buchholz (3-6) struck out eight and scattered three hits



Washington Nationals right fielder Bryce Harper can't catch a ball hit by Toronto Blue Jays' Kevin Pillar during the fourth inning of the second baseball game of a doubleheader at Nationals Park, Tuesday, June 2, 2015, in Washington. AP

before Koji Uehara took over in the ninth and picked up his 11th save to preserve the shutout.

Mike Pelfrey (4-2) had a solid start as he and Buchholz both carried a shutout into the seventh inning, when the Red Sox broke the tie. Xander Bogaerts hit a two-out double off the wall in center and scored easily on Castillo's single up the middle.

Buchholz got his first win since Boston beat Toronto 6-3 on May 10.

## Marlins 5, Cubs 2

In Miami, Brad Hand pitched six innings to earn his fifth victory in 33 career starts to lead Miami.

Hand (1-1) improved 5-18 in his career as a starter. Even with the victory, his winning percentage as a starter (.217) is the lowest in the majors among active pitchers with at least 20 decisions, according to STATS.

Giancarlo Stanton hit a solo homer, his 16th. He has seven of Miami's 14 homers at Marlins Park this year.

Rookie Addison Russell's baserunning blunder helped A.J. Ramos earn his fifth save in seven chances.

Marcell Ozuna hit a two-out, three-run double off Kyle Hendricks (1-2) that put Miami ahead to stay in the fifth.

## Athletics 5, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Ben Zobrist's grand slam highlighted a five-run seventh inning as Oakland rallied for the win.

Alfredo Simon (5-3) held the A's to one hit over the first six innings, but the Tigers scuffled defensively in the seventh, and Oakland had the bases loaded with one run already in when the right-hander was pulled. Angel Nesbitt came on in relief, and Zobrist greeted him with a line drive over the wall in right field for his sixth career grand slam.

Kendall Graveman (3-2) allowed three runs and eight hits in six innings. Evan Scribner pitched two perfect innings of

relief, and Tyler Clippard finished for his eighth save.

Simon allowed four runs and four hits in 6 1/3 innings as the Tigers lost a season-high fifth straight.

## Phillies 5, Reds 4

In Philadelphia, Darin Ruf hit a walkoff single with one out in the ninth inning after Maikel Franco tied it in the eighth with a two-run homer to lead Philadelphia to a rare late-inning comeback victory.

Odubel Herrera led off the ninth against Tony Cingrani (0-2) with an opposite-field double to left. Herrera went to third on Carlos Ruiz's sacrifice bunt and scored on Ruf's single to right.

Jonathan Papelbon (1-0) pitched a 1-2-3 ninth, striking out two, to earn the victory.

The Phillies looked headed to their eighth straight loss before scoring two runs with two outs in the eighth.

Philadelphia improved to 2-30 when trailing after seven innings.

## Rangers 15, White Sox 2

In Arlington, Texas, Joey Gallo hit an upper-deck homer, doubled off the top of the wall and set a Rangers franchise record for a major league debut with four RBIs as Texas cruised past Chicago.

Gallo, the top prospect in the Rangers organization, made the jump from Double-A Frisco for what is supposed to be a short stint while four-time All-Star third baseman Adrian Beltre is on the 15-day disabled list with a sprained left thumb.

With the bases loaded in the first, Gallo hit a hard shot that got past Gold Glove first baseman Adam LaRoche. It was scored a "bad-hop single" that drove home the first two runs off Jeff Samardzija (4-3).

When Gallo came up two innings later, he hit the first pitch into the upper deck in right field—an estimated 418 feet—for a 6-2 lead.

## Cardinals 1, Brewers 0

In St. Louis, Lance Lynn allowed five hits while pitching into the eighth inning and Mark Reynolds had an RBI single in the second to lead St. Louis.

Tyler Cravy (0-1) made an impressive major debut for Milwaukee, allowing a run on four hits in seven innings.

The Brewers won the series opener 1-0 and Milwaukee pitchers had thrown 19 consecutive scoreless innings before Reynolds' RBI.

Lynn (4-4) struck out five and walked one in 7 2/3 innings.

Kevin Siegrist got the last out in the eighth and most of a sellout crowd of 42,835 stuck around to see Trevor Rosenthal earn his 16th save in 17 chances. The Cardinals are 6-2 with one game to go on the home stand.

## Astros 6, Orioles 4

In Houston, Evan Gattis hit a three-run homer and Luis Valbuena added a go-ahead solo shot in a five-run third inning for AL-leading Houston.

The Astros were in a big hole early after a four-run second inning by the Orioles, but bounced back an inning later for their major league-leading 17th comeback victory this year.

Houston trailed by 3 when the homer by Gattis made it 4-all and the Astros went back to back when Valbuena homered to right field to put Houston on top. The Astros added an insurance run in the eighth inning.

Houston starter Collin McHugh (6-2) settled down after giving up four runs in the second, and the last out of that inning was the first of eight straight and 15 of 16 he retired before being replaced by Pat Neshek for the eighth inning.

Baltimore rookie Mike Wright (2-1) yielded eight hits and five runs in five innings after allowing just three runs combined in his first three starts.

## Indians 2, Royals 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Michael

Brantley drove in the go-ahead run with two outs in the eighth inning, backing a strong performance by Carlos Carrasco and sending Cleveland past Kansas City.

Carrasco (7-4) allowed five hits over seven innings to win his third straight start. The big right-hander struck out eight while dominating Kansas City for the second time in a month.

Cody Allen handled a perfect ninth for his 12th save as the Indians won for the 11th time in 14 games. AL Central rival Kansas City lost for the sixth time in its last seven.

Wade Davis (2-1) was summoned in the eighth to keep the game tied, but he walked Michael Bourn to lead off the inning.

## Rays 6, Angels 1

In Anaheim, Calif., Tampa Bay rookie Chris Archer overcame another milestone home run by Albert Pujols to win his third straight decision, tying a franchise record with 15 strikeouts over eight innings.

Pujols tied Jimmie Foxx for 17th place on the career home run list with his 534th, putting him two behind Mickey Mantle. And he did it in his 8,134th big league at-bat—the exact same number that Foxx finished his career with.

Archer (6-4) matched James Shields' club record for strikeouts, which was set on Oct. 2, 2012 in a complete-game 1-0 loss to Baltimore. The 26-year-old right-hander did not walk a batter and allowed six hits, including Pujols' 14th homer and sixth in as many games.

## Diamondbacks 7, Braves 6

In Phoenix, A.J. Pollock hit a two-out, two-run home run into the Chase Field swimming pool in the seventh inning and Arizona won a back-and-forth game.

The homer was the 51st splashdown in the water beyond the right field fence since the ballpark opened in 1998.

Ender Inciarte had two RBIs, two runs scored and two stolen bases for the Diamondbacks. He drew a two-out walk from Brandon Cunniff (2-1) and scored on Pollock's home run.

A.J. Pierzynski and Todd Cunningham each drove in a pair of runs in the Braves' five-run sixth inning after the Diamondbacks had taken a 4-1 lead off Shelby Miller.

## Padres 7, Mets 2

In San Diego, Ian Kennedy threw six strong innings and outpitched rookie sensation Noah Syndergaard, lifting San Diego past New York.

Kennedy (3-5) broke a four-start losing streak as he held the Mets to two runs and six hits.

Syndergaard (2-3) flashed enough quality pitches to strike out 10 but the Padres reached the righty for seven runs and 10 hits in four innings. It was Syndergaard's shortest of his five career starts.

Derek Norris hit a two-run homer in the fourth and Alexi Amarista and Will Venable drove in two runs each in a four-run second inning.

## Pirates 7, Giants 4

In San Francisco, Andrew McCutchen had four hits and drove in two runs, Pedro Alvarez drove in two and Pittsburgh won for the 10th time in 12 games.

Jordy Mercer hit his first home run of the season and Neil Walker drove in a run as the Pirates clinched their third series win in the last five played in San Francisco.

Brandon Crawford hit a two-run home run and Buster Posey drove in a pair of runs for the Giants, who lost their fourth straight.

McCutchen improved to .398 (37-for-93) over his past 26 games, with 11 doubles, a triple, five homers, 21 RBIs and 17 runs scored.

## Yankees 5, Mariners 3

In Seattle, Garrett Jones hit a three-run homer in the top of the 11th inning to give the Yankees the lead and Andrew Miller preserved the win in the bottom half by striking out Nelson Cruz with two on.

Stephen Drew tied it in the ninth with an RBI double off Seattle closer Fernando Rodney as New York took the first two games of this three-game series.

With two outs, Jones drilled a fastball over the wall in center off reliever Joe Beimel, who relieved Tom Wilhelmsen (1-1) after he allowed two-out hits to Drew and Brett Gardner.

Justin Wilson (2-0) pitched a clean 10th for the win. Miller gave up an RBI single to Robinson Cano in the 11th. Then with Cano and Austin Jackson, who was hit by a pitch from the Yankees closer to reach base for the sixth time, aboard, Miller struck out Cruz for his 16th save.



# Oceania vets lead multiple medalists

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Oceania Athletics Association Area Championship veterans Jerald Castillo and Donavin Ada led eight other individuals who won two or more medals in the boys U18 division of last month's 12th Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championship.

Castillo and Ada—who were members of the CNMI national team that competed in the 2015 edition of the Area championship in Barlow Park in Cairns, Australia—combined for seven of Marianas High School's 10 medals with the Dolphins collaring five gold.

Kagman High School's Jack Unsa and Angelo Racadio, Agape Christian School's Caleb Wang and Allan Zhao, Saipan



Jerald Castillo, fourth left back, and Donavin Ada, sitting third left, starred for the Marianas High School Dolphins in the Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships.

Southern High School's Seiya Eda, Tinian's Michael Naputi and Zachariah Hofschneider,

and MHS' Edmund Borja were the other multiple medalists. Castillo had a 2-1-1 haul,

while Ada ruled all of his three events and Borja won two bronze medals.

Castillo topped the 60-meter run in 7.12 seconds, relegating Unsa (7.37) and Hopwood Junior High School's Jay Jay Jones (7.52) to the silver and bronze medals, respectively. Castillo earned his second gold in the 200m run, completing the race in 25.03 seconds to reset KHS' Yoshi Mafnas last year's time of 25.11. Racadio came in second (25.82) and Unsa third (26.41).

Ada, who won the boys' javelin throw bronze in Cairns with a 41.02m throw, bested his opponents in the long jump, discus and javelin. He leapt a distance of 5.85m to win the long jump gold then threw for 32.60m to break Hofschneider's 2014 record of 27.84m in the discus event.

Ada completed his impressive performance when he improved his javelin mark in Cairns with a 41.36m distance. He also bested Kagman's Jason Lampkin's 2014 record of 36.98m.

Tinian's Michael Cabulay (5.46m) and Castillo (5.40m) finished second and third behind Ada in the long jump, while Naputi (23.49m) and Hofschneider (22.91m) rounded the Top 3 in the discus throw. Augustin Agon of Kagman (31.2m) and Borja (27.39m) settled for the silver and bronze in the javelin throw.

Racadio and Unsa gave Kagman a 1-2 finish in the century dash with the former clocking in at 11.82 seconds and the latter posting 11.90. Racadio's time was 0.11 second faster than his own record of 11.93 seconds made last year.

Unsa bounced back to win the 400m run gold with 59.17 seconds, while Castillo was a close second for silver (59.57) and Hopwood's Balbin finished third (1:02.07).

ACS middle distance runner Caleb Wang won the gold in the 800m (2:28.89) and 3,000m (11:34.34) runs. Eda (2:30.25) and MHS' John Mendoza (2:32.46) came in at second and third in the 800m run with the former winning another silver in the 3,000m run (11:40.65), while Zhao copped the bronze (11:56.98).

Eda topped the 1,500m run in 5:30.09, while Zhao (5:30.09) and Wang (5:30.76) settled for the silver and bronze, respectively.

Hofschneider gave Tinian its lone gold in the shot put event with a throw of 12.76m, while his teammate Naputi claimed the silver with 10.98m. Both of their marks were better than Lampkin's 2014 record (10.86m). Borja won the bronze and was 0.16m short of also besting Lampkin's mark when the former's throw reached 10.70m.

## Castro, Pierson win 'One Last Ride'

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Erico Castro and Ken Pierson emerged as top finishers in their respective divisions in last Sunday's "One Last Ride."

Castro posted the fastest time

(44:22) in the road bike category of the event held as a send-off to race organizer Antonee Aguilar. Castro and the rest of the participants in the road bike division rounded the 4 Corners—Banzai Cliff, Suicide Cliff, Bird



Island Lookout, and Banzai Cliff. The youth rider beat another U18 biker in Jerome Diyco, who reached the finish line at Banzai Cliff at 44:50. Joining Diyco and Castro in the Top 3 in the men's open division was Nap

Dizon, who submitted 45:44.

In the below 45 age group, the Top 3 finishers also completed the race under 50 minutes with first placer Aldrin Sta. Ana logging 45:28 to edge Wyn Brillo (45:29) in a down-to-the-wire finish. Sang Yoon came in at third after recording 45:55.

In the over 46 division, Willy Barbo was the lone rider to break the 50-minute barrier with his 49:17. He won over Tony Stearns (51:56) and Rommel Isidro (51:17). In the women's division, Gina Sebial timed in at 50:19 to prevail against Angel Marie Tan (51:21), while Margorie Marfega took the first place honors in the shorter beginner road bike course after registering 37:21.

In the MTB course, which brought bikers to FEBC, Kimikaze, Bird Island Lookout, Santa Claus Lane, Cowtown, and Banzai Trail before they returned to the finish line, Pierson had the best time at 40:44. He won the men's open division, defeating Bob Ferrer (41:06) and Ariel Garcia (43:50).

In the below 45 age group, Rich Asuncion tallied 46:49 to

finish ahead of Ferdinand Ramos (50:17) and Arsay Noriega (52:13). In the over 46 age group, Renato Gaviola (50:42) was ranked first, outclassing Romy Ampit (53:14) and Gerry Esquivel (58:55).

Other MBT winners in last weekend's race were Hanol Villegas (men's beginner), Becky Bailey (women's beginner) and Jin Ju Thompson (women's open). Yvette Mahinay and Edna Linao also joined the women's beginner course.

Over 40 bikers joined the event and Aguilar would like to thank the participants and supporters of the competition: Saipan Bike Bro, Law Office of Colin Thompson, National Office Supply, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Trading, Co., and Saipan SDA Clinic. Aguilar, who is moving to the U.S. mainland with his family, also acknowledged bikers and sponsors of the past races he organized.

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Kong and the Philippines have teams in the Senior League, while Chinese Taipei will be battling the CNMI, Guam and the Philippines in the Big League.

Ada, despite the five countries pulling out, said that there are still enough teams competing in the regionals and Saipan is ready to welcome them later

this month.

Australia and the Philippines are the first teams expected to arrive on Saipan as they are set to fly in on June 24, while Chinese Taipei and Hong Kong are scheduled the following day.

Meanwhile, the regional tournament organizing committee will be holding another meeting on June 9 at 10:30am at Ada's office at the Department of Public Works in San Jose along Beach Road.

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and the quartet combined for 2:02.51, the third fastest time among the eight squads.

Nanaka duplicated Yanai's points to stun two Tsunami Guam bets—Esabelle Eldridge (65) and Risa Hendrix (56)—and beat five other participants in the girls 9 to 10 division. She prevailed in the 50m breaststroke (46.66 seconds), 100m freestyle (1:21.63), 50m butterfly (42.13 seconds), 200m breaststroke (3:33.77), 400m freestyle (6:10.64), 100m breaststroke (1:40.58), and 200m IM (3:15.51). Nanaka took the runner-up honors in the 50m backstroke (44.65 seconds) and was also part of the team that finished second in the 200m medley relay in the girls 9 to 10.

In the U8 age group, Tsunami Saipan had a sweep with Dangol and Xu getting the high-point awards in convincing fashions. Dangol was the runaway winner in the girls division after she gained 63 points, 14 more than the 49 of Tsunami Guam's Sydney Packbier. In the boys division, Xu earned 61 points to finish way ahead of Manhoben Swim Club's Israel Poppe (44) and Tsunami Guam's Luke Leon Guerrero (19) and Kayen Toh (5).

Dangol won all her seven events, starting off with the 50m breaststroke (53.47). Her six other races were the 100m freestyle 1:24.17, 50m butterfly (37.64 seconds), 200m freestyle (2:52.08), 50m backstroke (43.51 seconds), 50m freestyle (36.36 seconds), and 200m IM (3:13.76). Xu, on the other hand, registered six first

place finishes and one runner-up. He ruled the 50m breaststroke (50.45 seconds), 100m freestyle (1:21.67), 50m butterfly (40.96 seconds), 200m freestyle (2:55.97), 50m backstroke (43.83 seconds), and 200m IM (3:17.14) and came in at second in the 50m freestyle (36.25 seconds).

Meanwhile, seven other Tsunami Saipan swimmers made it to the Top 3 in their respective age groups.

In the boys 9 to 10, Anthony Camacho Deleon Guerrero (62 points) and Juhn Tenorio (58) finished second and third, respectively, behind Tsunami Saipan's Chuckie White (66). Tsunami Saipan's Isaiah Aleksenko (41), Kenta Tomie (6), and Arman Rechucher (2) were also entered in the group.

In the girls 11 to 12, Sophia Gauran notched 68 points, just 2

markers behind champion Roxanne Mikel of Tsunami Guam, while the former's fellow Tsunami Saipan bet Aika Watanabe totaled 56 points to complete the Top 3.

In the boys 13 to 14 division, Mark Maestro was ranked second after getting 62 points. Manhoben's Tanner Poppe won the division with his 72 points, while Tsunami Saipan's Caleb White and Manhoben's Santiago Poppe placed third and fourth after recording 60 and 30 points, respectively.

In the 15 to 16 age group, Tsunami Saipan's Angel De Jesus and Takumi Sugie clinched third place honors. De Jesus scored 57 points to join Tsunami Saipan's Anabelle Alba (69) and Rosalyn Mikel (67) in the Top 3, while Sugie posted 57 markers to place third behind teammate Yanai and Imazu.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Bikers listen during the race briefing for last Sunday's "One Last Ride" at Banzai Cliff.



# 2015 PSS Basketball League Boys Finals

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Hopwood Junior High School 1's Tammy Augustin is pressured by Chacha Oceanview Junior High School's Juan Quitano during the first half of their title game in the boys division of the 2015 PSS Basketball League last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Chacha's Khalid Islam pulls up for a shot against Hopwood 1's Elijah Quiroz, 14, and Jordan Ocaya, 8.



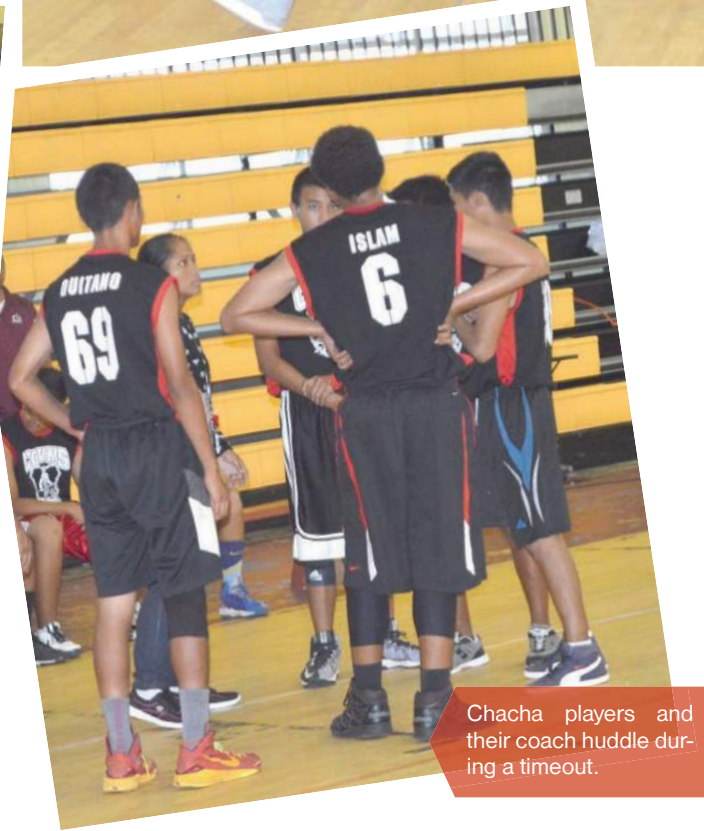
A Chacha player tries to recover a loose ball.



Hopwood 1's Angelo Factor loses the ball on his way to the basket after getting a foul from a Chacha defender.



Hopwood 1's Fred Peter, left, drives against Chacha's Juan Quitano.



Chacha players and their coach huddle during a timeout.



Hopwood 1's Jude Tengco, second right, pulls up for an off-balance shot after colliding against Chacha defenders.



Chacha defenders swarm a Hopwood 1 player.



Hopwood 1's Jordan Ocaya is fouled by Chacha's Juan Quitano.





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# Tsunami Saipan swimmers deliver

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It was mission accomplished for Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan members as they won several high-point awards in last weekend's 2015 Guam Championships at the Hagatna Pool.

The visiting club recorded Top 3 finishes in eight divisions and bagged four top high-point awards as Kaito Yanai, Nanaka Watanabe, Ashley Dangol, and Hans Xu ruled their respective age groups.

Yanai placed first in the boys 15 to 16 age group as he collected 70 points and nosed out Manhoben Swim Club's Tommy Imazu, who tallied 68 markers. Points were awarded based on how swimmers finished in each race.

Yanai topped seven events, starting his run with a field best 33.09 seconds in the 50m



breaststroke race. His other victories came in the 400m individual medley (5:14.53), 50m butterfly (28.74 seconds), 200m breaststroke (2:35.42), 50m backstroke (32.37 seconds), 100m breaststroke (1:12.41), and 200m IM (2:27.34). The 15-year-old swimmer, who was runner-up in the 400m freestyle (4:43.44), also joined the 200m freestyle relay with teammates Takumi Sugie, Nelson Batallones, and Mark Maestro

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Tsunami Saipan swimmers pose with their medals during the awards ceremony for the 2015 Guam Championships held last weekend at the Hagatna Pool.

## Summer welcome break for Jones

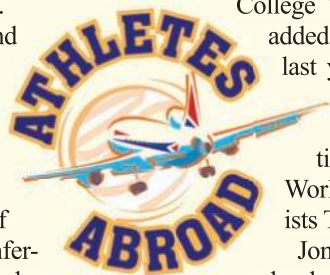
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Josh Jones can now relax and enjoy the summer break after a long and hectic schedule that saw him juggle academics and playing for the University of West

Alabama Tigers.

"The team and I had one heck of a season. We ended up with a 42-11 win-loss record, won the Gulf South Conference regular season title, and

a week later won the conference tournament to advance in the NCAA Division II national finals," Jones said in a Facebook message. "We were ranked fourth in the nation and were two wins short of making it to the



College World Series," added Jones, who last year became a member of the seven-time College World Series finalists Tigers.

Jones, now that school and the season over, usually hangs out with his friends and teammates by either grilling fish and steaks or plays the lawn game cornhole otherwise known as bean bag toss.

"Other than that, I also participate in campus intramural sports like co-ed volleyball. Sometimes my friends and I drive to Tuscaloosa and watch the football games of the University of Alabama Crimson Tide," he added.

The Sociology/Criminal Justice major said that it took some time before he finally adjusted to the student-athlete life where at first he had a hard time balancing his studies and training.

"I also had to focus on academics and maintain my grades, and at the same time train at the baseball field everyday then continue my studies mostly every night at home," added

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Josh Jones, seen here pitching for the University of West Alabama, helped the Tigers reach the NCAA Division II Tournament finals and posted a 3.25 ERA with a 5-1 record in the Gulf South Conference's regular season.

## 5 countries pull out from regionals

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This year's Asia-Pacific-Middle East Junior, Senior, and Big League Regional Tournament is down to six countries and 14 teams after five pulled out due to various reasons.

India, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, and New Zealand have informed the organizing committee that they won't be sending teams to this year's regionals, set from June 26 to July 6 on Saipan.

Tournament director James Ada said India could not get a flight in time for the regionals'

opening. India was initially set to compete in all three divisions.

Indonesia, which originally entered teams in the Junior and Senior divisions, decided to cancel its trip in observance of Ramadan that will run from June 17 to July 17.

Saudi Arabia has the same reason since it is also a Muslim country and must observe Ramadan, which involves fasting and prayers. Saudi Arabia has earlier signified its intention to compete in the Senior League.

Vietnam, reportedly, could

not secure US visas on time, while New Zealand's reason for pulling out was not yet known. Vietnam entered a Junior League team, while New Zealand was scheduled to compete in the Senior division.

With these withdrawals, teams are now down from 20 to 14 with Australia, Chinese Taipei Guam, Hong Kong, and the Philippines joining tournament host CNMI in the Juniors division.

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JON PEREZ  
Falcons' pitcher Noel Cabrera is expected to help the CNMI Junior League All-Stars in their campaign to reach the World Series.